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WEEK 25

June 16

**2 Samuel Ch. 17**

Absalom, who rebelled against his father David, took over the palace. Ahithophel advised Absalom saying that David and his men were exhausted, so if Ahithophel chased them quickly, he could kill David and gain the loyalty of the remaining men. However, Hushai advised Absalom not to do so and that Absalom should go to the battlefield himself with more men. God caused Absalom listen to the advice Hushai, David's loyal servant, rather than the advice of Ahithophel (v. 14). When Ahithophel realized that his advice was rejected, he returned home and committed suicide (v. 23). This was God's response to David's one-sentence prayer. Write David's prayer recorded in 2 Samuel 15:31.

- God does not miss even our one-word prayer and faithfully answers it. When we are faced with difficult times and feel helpless, God hears our prayers.

**Ch. 18**

Absalom's army and David's army finally battles for the throne in the forest of Ephraim. Absalom's army is defeated, and Absalom is killed by Joab. King David is relieved with the victory, but he cries at the news of his son Absalom's death. Write the tearful confession of David, the father who loved his son Absalom. (Verse 33)

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**Ch. 19**

After Absalom's rebellion was suppressed, David met several people as he returned to Jerusalem. Who were these people?

- 1) Shimei: A relative of Saul who cursed David's escape (2 Samuel 1:5-8)
- 2) (.....): A man who shared in David's suffering by not shaving his beard or washing his clothes during David's flight.
- 3) (.....): An 80-year-old man who accompanied King David as he fled to Mahanaim

**Ch. 20**

David faces another crises after quashing Absalom's rebellion. Sheba, a son of Bichri, a Benjamite, stirred up the people (verse 1). He said, "We have no portion in David and we have no inheritance in the son of Jesse; every man to his tents, O Israel!" Verse 2 records that all the Israelites stopped following David and followed Sheba. Even if they were united, it would have been difficult, but the hearts of the people of the tribe of Judah and the hearts of the people of the rest of Israel were completely divided. In the end, with the help of a nameless wise woman, Sheba is killed and the rebellion is suppressed. Even in a difficult, complex, and intractable circumstance, God used a nameless woman to resolve the problems. This was something that neither David nor any of the other officials could have expected. Are there problems that you cannot solve? We can pray that we will receive the precious grace of God for his favor and solution to such problems with unexpected grace.

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**Ch. 21**

This chapter records the three-year famine that occurred during David's time, which was caused by Saul's murder of the Gibeonites (v. 1). As justice for the Gibeonites, David gave them seven men of Saul's family for Gibeonites to hang. This is a perplexing story for us. Why did innocent descendants have to die for the sins of their ancestor Saul? This is a foreshadowing of the story of Jesus who died for the sin of humanity. As the death of the seven descendants fulfilled the justice and remove the curse of the famine, the death of Jesus fulfilled the justice and removed the curse of sin in our lives.

**Ch. 22**

David sings a song of gratitude for the grace God gave him throughout his life. Verses 2-4 of Psalm 18 record what aspect of our God?

**Ch. 23**

This chapter records David's last words. He looks back on his life and praises God's abundant grace in his life (verses 1–7). It then records David's warriors (verses 8–39). Behind David's glory, there were the blood and sweat of the warriors God had given him. The warriors God had given David are evidence that David's kingship and nation were entirely the grace of God. Who is the last warrior listed? (verse 39)

- Uriah, a loyal servant who was betrayed and killed by David, is listed at the end. The placement of Uriah's name in this is a silent accusation of David's betrayal and killing of such loyal subordinate. David was not worthy, yet his life was the result of God's abundant grace.

**Ch. 24**

David knew from his childhood (when he fought Goliath) that war belongs to God and not to man's strength or numbers. Yet, in his old age, David was tempted to count his own strength. What did David command Joab to count from Dan to Beersheba?

- The census itself was not a sin, but the sin was David's motive for taking the census. It is dangerous measure and lean on one's own finite strength rather than to lean on the infinite grace of God.

**1 Kingd Ch. 1**

As David grew old and weak, the issue of succession to the throne began to surface. Since his eldest son Amnon had already died at the hands of Absalom and Absalom had also died, it seemed that the next in line for the throne would be Adonijah. Adonijah was a handsome son who had gained his father David's trust (v. 6). But who did David command to be king as he had previously promised?

**Ch. 2**

This chapter records David's last words, death, and the establishment of Solomon's throne. What was David's last words he left for his son Solomon?

"I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, and show yourself a (.....), and keep the charge of the Lord your God, walking in his (.....) and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Law of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn."

- David's last words were given to Solomon, but it is God's word and promise to all the kings and saints of the future. Living according to the word is an attitude of life that respects God. In 1 Kings, we will see how David's words are proven in the life and history of the kings of Israel.

**Ch. 3**

After Solomon had finished offering a thousand burnt offerings, God appears to Solomon and asked "Ask what I shall give you?" What was Solomon's response? (vv. 9, 11) What was the reaction of the Israelites when they saw Solomon judging with the wisdom God had given them?

"And all Israel heard of the judgment that the king had rendered, and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the (.....) of God was in him to do justice."

**Ch. 4**

As God promised Abraham, the population became as numerous as the sand on the seashore (v. 20). The borders of the nation expanded (v. 21), and the people lived in peace (v. 25). God also gave Solomon wealth and honor (3:13), wisdom and intelligence, and a broad mind (4:29), which he had not even asked for. God made his name known to all nations by causing the report of Solomon's wisdom to spread throughout all the countries.

"And people of all nations came to hear the (.....) of Solomon, and from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom."