INTRODUCTION

- God did not allow David to build Him a house because he shed too much blood (1Chron 6:8), yet God still helped David wherever he went. We don’t have to be perfect before God helps us – Just willing.

Note: 2Samuel and 1Chronicles both deal with King David’s reign. 2Samuel basically summarizes all the good points about David’s reign, but we have to visit 1Chronicles to see the unvarnished side.

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1) 03 Jun 2018 ..................................................2Sam 1-2 ..................................................Respected
2) 10 Jun ..................................................2Sam 3-4 ..................................................Crowned
3) 17 Jun ..................................................2Sam 5-6 ..................................................Celebrated
4) 24 Jun ..................................................2Sam 7-8 ..................................................Established
5) 01 Jul ..................................................2Sam 9-10 ..................................................Valued
6) 08 Jul ..................................................2Sam 11-12 ..................................................Accountable
7) 15 Jul ..................................................2Sam 13-14 ..................................................Grieved
8) 22 Jul ..................................................2Sam 15-17 ..................................................Deposed
9) 29 Jul ..................................................2Sam 18-19 ..................................................Restored
10) 05 Aug ..................................................2Sam 20 ..................................................Averted
11) 12 Aug ..................................................2Sam 21 ..................................................Resolved
12) 19 Aug ..................................................2Sam 22-23 ..................................................Thankful
13) 26 Aug ..................................................2Sam 24 ..................................................Disciplined

PASSAGE COMMENTARY

2Sam 7:1-7

God Denies David’s Good Intentions

- Here, we see the reason for not letting David build a Temple complex seems to be a matter of God’s preference – God wasn’t interested in having a Temple built by David or by his predecessors
- BUT, in 1Chronicles 22:8 & 28:3 we see that David was a man of war who shed much blood
- Solomon shed blood too, in war (2Chr 8:1-8) and sometimes within his own nation (Adonijah, Joab, & Shimei, 1Kings 2), so why the disparity? Didn’t God teach David how to fight & win wars (Ps 144:1)?
- Consideration #1. It could be because of the volume of blood David shed [47,000 Arameans (1Ch 19:18), 20,000 Israelites (2Sam 18:7), 2/3rd of the Moabites (2Sam 8:2), & 10,000s of others (1Sam 18:7)]
- Consideration #2. It could also be because of the innocent blood David shed (i.e., Uriah)
- BUT, doesn’t God forgive totally, and casts our sins as far away as the east is from the west? So why would David be penalized? Yes, in Heaven, our sins do not follow us, BUT here on earth there are sometimes crippling consequences ………2Sam 12:10
- Also note that God’s House is representative of the Church, which was built by Christ, the Prince of Peace, and to be supported and maintained not by force of arms and by spilling of blood, as the religion of Mohammed, but by preaching the Gospel of Peace.

7:8-29

David is Promised an Enduring Kingdom

- v10. Israel is promised a perpetual peace. Probably fulfilled in the Millennial Reign of Christ
- v15. God’s lovingkindness will not depart from David’s house as God removed it from Saul
  - Recall that Saul could have had a perpetual house if he had only obeyed one command ………1Sam 13:13
  - How do we answer the skeptics about God not being a respecter of persons?
  - God, being omnipotent, omniscience, and sovereign could easily accomplish this without violating His character, though it would be interesting to see how God would have worked out how the scepter would not depart from Judah’s house ………Genesis 49:10

8:1-18

David – a Bloody Man of War – & He was Good at it!

- David arbitrarily slaughtered 2/3rd of the Moabites (v2), 22,000 Arameans/Syrians (v5), and apparently another 18,000 on the way home (v13)
- v14. And God helped David wherever he went – WOW
- What was David’s key to success? Was it his good looks, charm, lineage, or God’s sovereign plan?
- Can we be blessed like David?
- Or is God’s blessings earmarked for others based on God’s sovereign or mysterious or seemingly whimsical ways? ……………Ps 115:3; Rom 9:15
- Consider the following:
  1. Who are we to judge God (the Potter) ………Isa 64:8
  2. Yes, God’s blessings are available to all of us, but they may not be what we envision or even received in this lifetime ……………Rev 22:12
  3. And we must obedient to God’s ways since sin withholds good things from us ……….Jer 5:25

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- Yes, David was a chosen servant of God, endowed with unique blessings from Him. YET, we too can reap many blessings from God simply by being obedient to the commands we know
- After all, what’s more important in life than keeping God’s commandments…………………………………1Cor 7:19 (NASB)

NEXT WEEK: 2Samuel 9-10. David returned kindness to one clan and reaped a friend for life, but he returned kindness to another clan and war broke out, justifying the quote, “No good deed goes unpunished”