

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

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.

Passage	Comments
2Sam 7:1-7	<p>God Denies David's Good Intentions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Solomon shed blood too, in war (2Chron 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), 2/3^{rds} 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 consequences2Sam 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

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Supposedly, it would not have been any harder than if God had wiped out the Israelites in the desert and raised up a greater nation from Moses' loins as God proclaimed to do for himDeut 9:14.
8:1-18	<p>David – a Bloody Man of War – & He was Good at it!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David arbitrarily slaughtered 2/3^{rds} 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? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 lifetimeRev 22:12 3. And we must obedient to God's ways since sin withholds good things from usJer 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 commandments1Cor 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"

