

Agape House of Worship
Wednesday Bible Study
A Man After God's Own Heart Series Part# 7

Topic: David Crowned King (Becoming King)
Text: 2 Samuel 5:1-12 (NIV)

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2 Samuel 5:1-12

1All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “We are your own flesh and blood. **2**In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.

3When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. **4**David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. **5**In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. **6**The king and his men marched to Jerusalem to attack the Jebusites, who lived there. The Jebusites said to David, “You will not get in here; even the blind and the lame can ward you off.” They thought, “David cannot get in here.” **7**Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion which is the City of David.**8**On that day David had said, “Anyone who conquers the Jebusites will have to use the water shaft to reach those ‘lame and blind’ who are David’s enemies.” That is why they say, “The ‘blind and lame’ will not enter the palace.” **9**David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the terraces inward. **10**And he became more and more powerful, because the Lord God Almighty was with him. **11**Now Hiram king of Tyre sent envoys to David, along with cedar logs and carpenters and stonemasons, and they built a palace for David. **12**Then David knew that the Lord had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

Introduction: This passage marks a very significant turning point in the life of David because from the time that Samuel anointed him as King, it took approximately 15 years before he saw it come to pass. Can you imagine how David felt to finally see the promise come to pass? This story continues to show us why David was a man after God's own heart.

Objective: Today's bible study will focus on David's rise to power and his establishment as king over all Israel. What are the lessons in this story and how can we apply them to our lives?

Question 1: Is it a coincidence that Jesus started his ministry at the same age that David became King?

The heart of a true leader

David was known for shepherding the people and fighting on behalf of the people. From his youth he had always been a servant leader. In his father's house, he did the job that his brothers were unwilling to do. David learned the art of leadership by taking care of his father's sheep. David's time as a shepherd provided him with essential skills and qualities that prepared him for leading the Israelites as king. Amongst the many leadership qualities that David possessed, the most important one was the heart of a servant leader. In Matthew 23:11 Jesus said "The greatest among you will be your servant". David did not shy away from menial jobs. He was selfless and seized every opportunity to serve others. That is the kind of heart that God is looking for in a leader.

Question 2: Was it important for David to be known as a shepherd and one who fought for Israel?

The importance of good stewardship

Once David became King, he could have refrained from fighting and expanding his Kingdom. He chose to continue to serve his people by leading them into battle to claim new territories. David proved himself to be a faithful steward by increasing what God gave to him. **Matthew 25:23** speaks of the reward of a faithful servant ("His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'). God could trust David with greater responsibility because even while he was watching over his father's flock, he didn't mind risking his life to protect his father's sheep.

Question 3: In what practical ways can we be faithful with the things that God has entrusted us with (Our faith, children, work, ministry, money, etc.)?

The effect of the presence of God in a believer's life

David's success in expanding the Kingdom was because God was with him. Anointing David as King was also symbolic of the presence of God, coming on a man to function in an office. David valued the presence of God so much that he couldn't imagine living without it. (**Psalms 51:11** Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me). David did not take credit for winning his battles. He acknowledged and gave God all the glory (**Psalms 18:29** In your strength I can crush an army; with my God I can scale any wall).

Question 4: Why do we sometimes feel the presence of the Holy Spirit so strong, but other times it feels distant?