

# Leaving Your Legacy

A Lesson from the Life of  
King David



## Background

In our last lesson, we watched King David endure severe consequences for the sins that he committed against the Lord. We watched his newborn son die. We saw his household be filled with chaos and confusion. We witnessed the rivalry between his children and saw them harm each other.

Some Bible scholars say that as a result of David's troubles that he died an "old, broken man". This week, the final lesson of our series on the life of David will focus on the legacy he left behind when he died. He left a legacy for his son, Solomon and King David also left a legacy for all Christians today.

## David's Legacy

- A **legacy** is anything handed down as from a predecessor or ancestor.
  - What did David hand down to his son, Solomon, who would succeed him as King?
  - What lessons or knowledge did David pass down to us as Christians?
  - What will you personally take with you and apply to your life after studying the Life of King David?

## David Praises God

- 2 Samuel 22: 1-4
  - David praises God for being there for him throughout His life. He recognizes God as his “rock” and his “shield”.
  - **Question for Thought: Have you praised God recently for being there for you throughout your life? In what ways has God “delivered” you?**

King David prepares Solomon to be the next King...



## David Leaves a Legacy for His Son

- After Adonijah (another son of King David) tries to take over as King, Bathsheba and Nathan the prophet intervene and remind David that Solomon (Bathsheba's son) should be the next King of Israel.
  - I Kings 1: 28-30
  - I Kings 2: 1-3
    - Question for Thought: What do you think of the advice that David gives his son, Solomon, before Solomon takes over as King? That advice is good advice for us today. *Walk in the ways of the Lord and you will prosper.* Prosperity doesn't necessarily mean money and material things. Prosperity simply means success.
- David is laid to rest and Solomon takes over as King
  - I Kings 2: 10-12

## David's Legacy



## David Leaves a Legacy for Christians

- *The most important legacy David left for us is Christ.* From the lineage and blood line of King David, Christ is eventually born.
  - Matthew 1: 17
- *The story of David teaches us how important it is to have a “good heart”.* As Samuel, the Lord’s prophet, looked for the next King, he focused on appearance and the Lord corrected him.
  - 1 Samuel 16: 7
- *David leaves a legacy of courage.* David’s courage in his confrontation with Goliath teaches us that we should be courageous when facing life issues that are bigger than we are.
  - 1 Samuel 17: 32-37

## David Leaves a Legacy for Christians

- *David shows us that we are not to seek revenge.* During the times that David could have killed King Saul, he chose to take the “high-road” and leave vengeance to the Lord.
  - 1 Samuel 26: 8-9
- *David’s life is a testimony that if we continue to serve the Lord that his plan will become reality.* Just as the Lord planned, David became King.
  - 2 Samuel 5: 4
- *David’s life demonstrates that a man or woman who loves the Lord can still make a big mistake in their life.* David’s encounter with Bathsheba shows us that we must be alert. Sin comes quickly and a moment of bad judgment can lead to chaos.
  - 2 Samuel 11: 1-5
- *The Lord shows us through David that sin has consequences.* After Bathsheba becomes pregnant, David plots to have her husband, Uriah, killed. The Lord is displeased with David and promises punishment.
  - 2 Samuel 12: 10-12
- *Through the psalms of David, we learn how important it is to praise God in all circumstances.* David had ups and downs in his life, but he always praised God.
  - Psalms 23: 1-6

*If you had to write a eulogy for  
King David's life, what would you  
say about him?*

What would people say about you?

*What kind of legacy are you leaving  
behind for others to follow?*