

In Search of a King 1-2 SAMUEL

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- The saving reign of God must be mediated through a human king
- What will this king be like? Not Saul-like but David-like

Samuel...From Song to Song

- *First Song*: Hannah envisions God's king bringing about a great reversal
- *Last Song*: David embodies and fulfills Hannah's song...but not perfectly

2 Samuel 23:1-7

The Last Words of David

Now these are the last words of David.

David the son of Jesse declares,
The man who was raised on high declares,
The anointed of the God of Jacob,
And the sweet psalmist of Israel,
²The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me,
And His word was on my tongue.
³The God of Israel said,
The Rock of Israel spoke to me,
'He who rules over men righteously,
Who rules in the fear of God,
⁴Is as the light of the morning *when* the sun rises,
A morning without clouds,
When the tender grass *springs* out of the earth,
Through sunshine after rain.'

⁵"Truly is not my house so with God?
For He has made an everlasting covenant with me,
Ordered in all things, and secured;
For all my salvation and all *my* desire,
Will He not indeed make *it* grow?
⁶"But the worthless, every one of them
will be thrust away like thorns,
Because they cannot be taken in hand;
⁷But the man who touches them must be armed with iron and
the shaft of a spear,
And they will be completely burned with fire in *their*
place."

(2 Samuel 23:1-7)

Final Words

1. A Sure Word

- “oracle” of David – the revealed (prophetic) nature of David’s words
- David’s last words were the Lord’s infallible words to him

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2. An Ideal King

- a king who rules righteously in the fear of God will bring unbounded flourishing
- a declaration of final Davidic king who rules over all men – King Jesus!

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3. An Enduring House

- the final, ideal, eternal king will be from the house of David (cf. 7:12-16)
- David’s hope and salvation was secured in this promise

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4. A Final Judgment

- those who resist the rule of God’s anointed King will be destroyed (cf. Psalm 2)
- the King himself will be the judge

⁴⁰ So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age.

⁴¹ The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness,

⁴² and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³ Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

(Matthew 13:40-43)