

*The Lord's Plan
Becomes Reality*

A Lesson from the Life of
King David



Background

Thus far in our study of David's life, we have seen him as a shepherd boy who was the youngest of his brothers and how the Lord chose him. We watched him grow and with courage face off against and defeat Goliath. We saw him deal with Saul's jealousy and watched him on the run as he avoided Saul's attempts to kill him. In our study last week, we examined how the Lord made certain that David received good advice from people when he needed it the most.

King Saul's Jealousy Gets Out of Control



The Lord's Plan in Action...

During our study this week, we take a look at how the Lord's plan for David to take over as the King of Israel becomes reality. As we see how the Lord worked in David's life and helped him to make the transition from an humble shepherd boy with a good heart to becoming the powerful King of Israel, it should cause us to wonder what God's plan is for our own lives and give us the confidence to know that His plan will become reality if we have faith and are obedient to His Will.

Lessons from King Saul

I Samuel 31: 1-6

Saul spent much of his latter years pursuing and trying to kill David, but Saul ended up being pursued by the Philistines and ultimately, he killed himself. What lessons can we learn from the rise and fall of King Saul?

Life Lesson #1 King Saul's fall began when he displeased the Lord by being arrogant and disobedient. *Arrogance and disobedience will eventually lead to one's downfall.*

Life Lesson #2 King Saul died by his own hand. While spending his time trying to kill David, Saul didn't realize that what he was attempting to do to David would come back to haunt him. *You really do reap what you sow.*

Life Lesson #3 King Saul's jealousy of David tormented him. Focusing on being jealous of others is a waste of time and only hurts you. *Instead of being jealous of others, take the time to look at how God has blessed you.*

We can learn a lot from King Saul...



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I Samuel 1: 4, 11-12

David learns of King Saul's death and instead of rejoicing in the demise of his enemy, David weeps and mourns.

Question for Thought: How do you react when your enemy falls? Do you rejoice or are you saddened?

Life Lesson: We should not delight in another person's difficulties or pain.

II Samuel 5: 1-4

The Lord's plan for David becomes reality. Notice that David didn't become King overnight. The Lord's plan was a process that took years to become reality.

Life Lesson: The Lord's plan for your life will happen. Some plans are not meant to come to pass overnight. Sometimes the plan God has for you is a process that takes time to become reality.

David Becomes King...



God Makes David a Promise

II Samuel 7: 8-16

The Lord has made David a promise. He has yet another plan for King David's life and from what we have learned, *we know* that **everything** the Lord has planned and promised David will become reality.

From Shepherd Boy to King...



The Lord has brought David a long way...

II Samuel 7: 18-22

King David realizes how far the Lord has brought him and he is thankful.

Question for Thought: How far has the Lord brought you in your life? How often do you thank Him for what He has done for you?

Life Lesson: It was God that helped you make it this far in your life. Through your struggles, times of trouble and life's uncertainties, it was the Lord who saw you through it all. That same God will continue to help you if you seek Him.