

True Strength Is Obedience
1 Kings 2:1-4, Pew Bible p. 280
February 5, 2023

I. Reading the Old Testament Stories

A. All scripture is God-breathed and, therefore, true and useful.

B. Even some of the godliest people in the Old Testament had serious flaws, which must remind you the Bible is not about a perfect people, but a perfect God.

C. There is a big difference between a prescriptive narrative, which tells us what to do, and descriptive narrative, which tells us what happened.

II. David's Last Words to Solomon (V. 1-4)

A. True strength is not convincing the world to think well of us, but to obey God whether the world agrees or not.

B. God promises to prosper obedience because:

1. God loves to bless His people.
2. God's way is better than our way.
3. God's presence is sweeter than the world.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Kings 2:1-4.
2. How easy is it for you to read the Old Testament narratives? What are some of the hardest things about reading the Old Testament for you and how can you get better at them?
3. What are some worldly beliefs about strength that you have heard in your life? How is that different than the true strength David tells his son Solomon about in verses 1-2?
4. Have you ever tried to follow God without obeying his commandments? Why do you think people do this and what is the inevitable result, as the end of verse 3 implies?
5. What are some ways parents can pass obedience to God on to their kids? What advantages does this give their children?
6. How can you establish the promises of God on your life through obedience, as verse 4 says of David's family?
7. Pray for our church members to be on mission to all people. Consider coming to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00-6:30 pm in the Worship Center across the hall from the Choir Room.

Church Bible Reading Plan

2 Kings 23:36-25:30

February Memory Verses: 2 Kings 22:11-13

Psalm 27:7-10

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸ You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." ⁹ Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! ¹⁰ For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting

- PRAYING through Psalm 6, praising God for being gracious to us.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia;
Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West,
Glendale, Arizona
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:
Marge D. (son, Matthew); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); and Rezwana D. (parents)
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:
Gertrude A. (granddaughter); Family of John E.; Debbie & John P. (her brother); and
Carolyn & Billy H. (her father)
- Those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:
Michelle L. (health issues); Leon V. (chemo); Debbie B. (chemo); Mary R. (transplant recovery);
Stan & Twyla H. (health & other issues); Michelle LaM. (health issues); Debbie P. (health issues);
Ken & Darlene R. (health issues); Don R. (pneumonia and broken ribs); Ann C.-W. (headaches);
Gary C. (valve replacement recovery); Marge D. (health issues); Joe B. (back surgery recovery);
Kaitlyn D. (pregnancy concerns); Ida S. (upcoming oral surgery); Laura M. (health issues);
Mimi M. (health issues); and Mike P. (in hospital)
- Others that you are aware of