

The Return of the King
2 Samuel 5
February 7, 2021

I. David Crowned King (V. 1-5)

- A. You do not have to wait for a different _____ to perform higher service.
- B. You do not have to be _____ or _____ to be called to higher service.
- C. It is _____ alone who calls us to higher service.
- D. The _____ of God's calling by God's people is an important factor in higher service.

II. David Establishes Himself (V. 6-16)

- A. It is God alone who _____ us in higher service.
- B. God's call to higher service is meant to bless _____.

III. David Defeats the Philistines (V. 17-25)

- A. It is God alone who _____ us in higher service.
- B. Higher service does not mean you have to obey God _____.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 2 Samuel 5
2. Have you ever been called by God to a higher level of service (either in the church or in the community)? What was that calling and how did you know?
3. In Verse 2, the people outline David's former service as qualifying him for being king. What were some things David did BEFORE he was king that helped qualify him in God's eyes? What are some things God expects us to do prior to higher service?
4. How important is it for other people to affirm you in God's call to higher service?
5. Verse 10 makes it clear that David succeeded because God was with him. Have you ever had success in something, and you knew it was God? How did you know that success was from God?
6. Verse 11 states it was for the sake of Israel that God made David king. Is God's call on us to higher service primarily for ourselves, or for others? What is the danger of getting this wrong?
7. Pray for each other, that you would all be obedient when God calls to higher service. Consider attending this Sunday's Zoom Prayer Meeting at 7 pm!

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Isaiah 18-21

February Memory Verses: Isaiah 12:1-2

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. YOU DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER AGAIN until after Easter Sunday.

Register with your name and email address.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at time of the Prayer Meeting.

DURING Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

PRAYING for God to use our church to bring lost people to Christ.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- Those struggling with fear, anxiety and employment issues because of COVID
 - Raymond C. (missionary who had to return home due to COVID, struggling with housing and food)
- Church members and/or their friends/families who have COVID
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
 - Rebecca R. (brother), Ray and Sue J. (daughter-in-law, Lynette), Dan and Shirley S. (Dan's father), Nancy C. (father, Pete), April H. (husband, Gary), Ken R. (sister, Joan), Darlene R. (aunt Peggy and great-nephew Derek), Randie A. and Bonnie V. (mother), Tim, Alexa, and Erika P. (grandfather), Dick T. (aunt, Rosia), Family of Victoria A., Paul B. (daughter Paula), Ann T. (son-in-law, Steve)
 - Grief Share participants
- Those struggling with cancer issues:
 - Mary C. (breast cancer), Brenda R. (blood cancer and possible donors of bone marrow), Leroy D. (his brother), Chris and Beth L. (3 yr. old daughter with inoperable brain tumor), Jerry M. (friend of Dan S. has pancreatic cancer), 3 family members of Bob & Julia B.
- Those struggling with health issues:
 - Rezwana D. (migraines), Michelle L. (overwhelming stress), Mary R. (possibly starting dialysis, also has appt re: kidney transplant), Jimmy (grandson of Raul and Cindy O. has autism and migraines), Larry D. (brain bleed not completely healed), Don R. (sciatica pain), Wayne and Twyla D. (Wayne's Parkinson's, and he is now living in an assisted living facility and Twyla cannot be with him), Floyd W. (Pat's dementia), Gretchen E. (father regaining strength & Gretchen having severe head pain), Cecelia S. (family members have Covid), Agnes (Bob B.'s mom, broken bone in neck), Ann T. (grandson in hospital with Covid), Pastor Reginald (pneumonia-not Covid), Brenda R.'s brother Rick (pneumonia)
- Those awaiting surgery:
 - Brenda R. (bone marrow transplant)
- Those recovering from surgery:
 - Pastor Jamal B. (liver transplant)
- Those struggling with family relational issues:
 - Julia B. (family), Ketty B. (friend), Marge D. (a son)
- Those needing employment:
 - Larry S., Billy H., Julia B. (after move in March)
- Others that you are aware of