

# The Book Of 1 Kings

## Wednesday Noon Bible Study

Good Shepherd Baptist Church

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## Lesson 11 How A Leader Deals With People (1 Kings 2:5-9)

- How a leader deals with people says a lot about that leader.
- Let's examine the final instructions that a dying King gives to the new King.
- David is not only passing the mantle of leadership to his son, but the wisdom, the lessons he has learned, the mistakes, the trials, the challenges of leadership.
- Saint, this reminds us of what Paul said in **Romans 15:4**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Point Just Leaders Administer Justice (1 Kings 2:5-9)

- When we read what David tells Solomon to do to Joab wasn't out of a vindictive spirit.
- Because David shares the **just** reason for doing this.
- In other words, David shared the evidence that justified this sentence.
- You see Joab had murdered two commanders Abner and Amasa.
- Note how David describes the actions of Joab to the new King.
- Let's read verse 5. David says that Joab's actions had permanently stained his belt and sandals
- In other words, **"the blood clung to Joab"** demonstrating his guilt.
- It's like a mother asking her child who ate the cookie as the crumbs are falling from the child's mouth.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Point Why Solomon And Not David?

- We can ask ourselves; Why didn't David execute Joab?
- After all, didn't this happen on David's watch?
- Well maybe the reason David showed mercy and didn't execute the punishment that Joab deserved is because Joab had shown David much loyalty and had served David well.
- Was this a mistake on David's part? Maybe yes or maybe no?
- We all look back on decisions we made.
- We must always remember that those decisions were made based on the evidence and information we had at that time and the unique situation present at that time.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Point Justice Must Be Served (1 Kings 2:6...let not this hoar (gray hair) head go down to the grave in peace.

- Justice must be served. A just God cannot and will not overlook sin. We sinned, but JESUS paid for our sins.
- As we say, **"Joab had been living on borrowed time"**. Soon he had to pay for his crimes.
- What does **Numbers 32:23** say? and **Galatians 6:7** say ?.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Point

### The Command To Show Kindness (1 Kings 2:7 But show kindness unto the sons of Barzillai)

- There is so much to learn from these words to Solomon from his father.
- What David tells Solomon to do in this verse is the exact opposite of what he told him to do in the two previous verses.
- Isn't it amazing how God will reward kindness and righteousness.
- The basic meaning of righteousness is **right living**
- If we go back to **2 Samuel 19:31-39** and refresh our memory, we will see why David tells Solomon to show kindness to the sons of Barzillai.
- You see Barzillai had sustained David and his men when they were fleeing from Absalom.
- David charged Solomon to sustain Barzillai's sons at his table as Barzillai and his sons had sustained him.
- You see David wanted Barzillai's sons to reap what their father had sown.
- There's a wonder hymn that I don't hear that much in churches today. The song is "Touch Somebody's Life". The author is unknown There's a line in that song that says:
  - *Touch somebody's life as you pass them*
  - *You may never pass that close again*
  - *It's not hard to reach out in love*
  - *And touch somebody*
  - *You'll be surprised how soon*
  - *That same touch comes back to you*

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