

# TAKING THE THRONE 2 SAM. 2:1-8

This text is part of the long-standing question of David taking the throne:

- **How will he take it? Force, violence, regicide, or...?**
- **The future & final King!**

**John 6:14** Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world. **John 6:15** When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.

- **And frankly, how you & I take what is “rightfully” our – as far as we know what it is.**  
Pastorate, marriage, promotions, title(s), lifestyle, money, power...

## I. Taking the throne – at God’s directions!

**2 Samuel 2:1** And it came to pass after this, that David enquired of the LORD, saying, **Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah?** And the LORD said unto him, Go up. **And David said, Whither shall I go up?** And he said, Unto Hebron.

**2 Samuel 2:2** So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal’s wife the Carmelite. **2 Samuel 2:3** And his men that *were* with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.

- **God had promised David the throne!**

**1 Samuel 16:13** Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. **1 Samuel 16:14** But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

- **And David had many opportunities to “take it”**

David didn’t want to “take it” that way but “take it” (receive it) in God’s way!!!

The big difference between David & us → God doesn’t speak directly to us – only indirectly:

- **After reading &/ meditating**

**Joshua 1:8** This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

**Psalms 1:2** But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. **Psalms 1:3** And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

**Deuteronomy 4:5** Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. **Deuteronomy 4:6** Keep therefore and do *them*; **for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations**, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people. **Deuteronomy 4:7** For what nation *is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God *is* in all things that we call upon him for? **Deuteronomy 4:8** And what nation *is there so great*, that hath statutes and judgments *so* righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? **Deuteronomy 4:9** Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons’ sons;*

Scripture begins to form our thinking!

- **After much prayer (done at the same time)**

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**James 1:5** **If** any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. **Ephesians 6:18** Praying **always** with **all** prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with **all** perseverance and supplication for **all** saints;

- **After much more counsel**

**Proverbs 11:14** Where no counsel *is*, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

**Proverbs 12:15** The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise.

**Proverbs 15:22** Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

**Proverbs 19:20** Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

**Proverbs 21:2** Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.

**Proverbs 24:6** For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy war: and in multitude of counsellors *there is* safety.

**All of us are wiser than any **one** of us!**

## **II. Taking the throne – in God’s time!**

**2 Samuel 2:2** So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail Nabal’s wife the Carmelite. **2 Samuel 2:3** And his men that *were* with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron. **2 Samuel 2:4** And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah....

**2 Samuel 5:1** Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh. **2 Samuel 5:2** Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel. **2 Samuel 5:3** So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel. **2 Samuel 5:4** David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign, *and* he reigned forty years.

**Ecclesiastes 3:1** To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

**Ecclesiastes 3:11** He hath made every *thing* beautiful in his time....

### **Thoughts:**

- God has his plans
- God is slow - so very slow
- God is almost always slower than us!
- God can’t be rushed
- God will allow us to rush...& eat humble pie!
- God prefers His own time table

**2 Samuel 5:4** David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign, *and* he reigned forty years. **2 Samuel 5:5** In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

## **III. Taking the throne – with God’s demeanor!**

**2 Samuel 2:4** And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. **And they told David, saying, That the men of Jabeshgilead *were they* that buried Saul.** **2 Samuel 2:5** And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabeshgilead, and said unto them, **Blessed *be* ye of the LORD, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, *even* unto Saul, and have buried him.** **2 Samuel 2:6** And now the LORD shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing. **2 Samuel 2:7** Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them. **2 Samuel 2:8** **But** Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul’s host, took Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim;

**1 Samuel 31:11** And when the inhabitants of Jabeshgilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul; **1 Samuel 31:12** All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bethshan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there. **1 Samuel 31:13** And they took their bones, and buried *them* under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

**1 Samuel 24:6** And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD’S anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he *is* the anointed of the LORD.

**1 Samuel 26:9** And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD’S anointed, and be guiltless? **1 Samuel 26:10** David said furthermore, *As* the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish. **1 Samuel 26:11** The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD’S anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that *is* at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

**2 Samuel 1:13** And David said unto the young man that told him, Whence *art* thou? And he answered, I *am* the son of a stranger, an Amalekite. **2 Samuel 1:14** And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORD’S anointed?

**Matthew 5:43** Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. **Matthew 5:44** But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

**This didn’t “work” / “work out” but it was the right thing to do & the good/godly thing to do!**