

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How did Adonijah's plot compare to that of Absalom? How was it different?
2. How were kings selected in Israel in those days? Is this method good or bad?
3. What indicates that God's approval was on Solomon? (see verses 38, 39)

SUMMARY:

For a second time David is exposed to the plotting of his own son. This was a direct result of God's judgment for David's sin when God said in 2 Samuel 12:11 "I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house."

It was necessary too, that the throne should be given to the one of God's choice because it is out of this lineage that the Lord Jesus should come some day. Thus we note that God's men, a prophet and a priest were active in the anointing of Solomon.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #2

July 13, 2003

Third Quarter

SOLOMON CROWNED KING

LESSON TEXT: *1 Kings 1:5-40*

LESSON SETTING: King David, in his old age, is unable to control rule of the kingdom.

TIME: Approximately 1015 B.C.

- I. ADONIJAH'S PLOT.** 1 Kings 1:5-10
 - A. A Conspiracy (vs. 5, 7) Numbers 16:3; Daniel 6:4; Acts 23:12
 - B. A Lenient Father (vs. 6) Proverbs 29:15; Luke 15:12
- II. DAVID'S INTERVENTION.** 1 Kings 1:11-32
 - A. God's Prophet Speaks (vs. 11-14)
 - B. David keeps His Promise (vs. 30-32)
- III. SOLOMON'S CORONATION.** 1 Kings 1:33-40
 - A. David's Marks of Approval (vs. 33)
 - B. God's Approval (vs. 36-37) 1 Kings 2:15
 - C. God's Men Anoint (vs. 38-39) 1 Samuel 10:1; Acts 19:6
 - D. The People's Approval (vs. 40) Psalm 126:2; Isaiah 61:10

GOLDEN TEXT: *THE KINGDOM IS THE LORD'S: AND HE IS THE GOVERNOR AMONG THE NATIONS.* Psalm 22:28

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 1 Kings 2:1-46

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: 1 Chronicles 28:1 through 29:22

QUARTERLY THEME: Life and Writings of Solomon

TOPIC: DAVID COUNSELS SOLOMON

INTRODUCTION:

Our lesson concerns the last recorded words that David gave to his son Solomon as he began his rule. His first counsel was to serve God faithfully and to keep all his statutes and commandments.

Secondly, David counseled Solomon to establish justice and this, even concerning those who had turned against David. As a result, David's son Adonijah and Joab were slain. Abiathar, the priest who had gone with Adonijah, was deposed. Shimei who had cursed David as he fled from Absalom, was spared for a time but later also was slain as a result of breaking the oath made to Solomon (vs. 43)

After these purges of the evil ones we read that the "throne of David shall be established before the Lord forever", and the "kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon".

CENTRAL TRUTH: Only Christ should be king in the believer's life.

GOLDEN TEXT: *KNOW THOU THE LORD OF THY FATHER, AND SERVE HIM WITH A PERFECT HEART AND WITH A WILLING MIND.*

1 Chronicles 28:9

Our golden text is a companion scripture to our lesson text. It gives us this specific charge that David made to Solomon. David also reminded his son that if he would seek the Lord he would find Him.

We call to mind what Jesus taught all the people for He too said, "Seek and ye shall find" and He too commanded all men to serve God and keep His commandments and to serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind. Men want to be eternally saved but too few really want to have a perfect heart before Him. Too few really want to willingly serve Him. Too many today want salvation but they also want to be their own bosses and do what they want to do. They want to be with the Lord and at the same time live as the world. May we each take to heart the wise counsel of David and apply it to our hearts.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF July 14 - 20

- M. *David Counsels Solomon. 1 Kings 2:1-9
- T. *Adonijah's Wicked Request. 1 Kings 2:10-18
- W. *Adonijah's Death. 1 Kings 2:19-25
- T. *Joab's Judgment. 1 Kings 2:26-34
- F. *Shimei's Punishment. 1 Kings 2:35-46
- S. David's Advice to Israel. 1 Chronicles 28:1-10
- S. David's Advice to Solomon. 1 Chronicles 28:11-21