

D1: The Heart - Lessons for My Heart from Israel's Kings

I. God's Design for Israel

Deut 17:14-20

When you enter the land which the Lord your God gives you, and you possess it and live in it, and you say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations who are around me,' 15 you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses, one from among your countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your countryman. 16 Moreover, he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, since the Lord has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way.' 17 He shall not multiply wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase silver and gold for himself. 18 'Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself a copy of this law on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests. 19 It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, by carefully observing all the words of this law and these statutes, 20 that his heart may not be lifted up above his countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of Israel.

- the provision (17:14)
- the pride (17:16,17)
- the prohibitions (17:16,17)
- the prescription (17:18,19)
- the promise (17:20)

II. The Testimony of Israel's Kings

A. Saul

1. The Start

- 1 Sam 11:1,4; 6,7; 11

2. The Warning

- 1 Sam 15:3

3. The Compromise
 - 1 Sam 15:7-9

4. The Response to Sin
 - 1 Sam 15:20-30

5. The Outcome
 - 1 Sam 15:26,35

- 1 Sam 31:3,4

B. David

1. The Start
 - 1 Sam 17:26, 45,46

2. The Warning
 - Deut 17:17

3. The Compromise
 - 2 Sam 11:1-4

4. Response to Sin
 - 2 Sam 11:8,10,14-15

- 2 Sam 12:5,7,13

- Ps 51:1,3,4

5. Outcome

- 1 Kings 2:1-4

C. Solomon

1. The Start

- 1 Kings 3:7,9; 11-13

2. The Warning

- Num 33:50,52

- Deut 17:16,17

- 1 Kings 2:1-4

3. The Compromise

- 1 Kings 3:3b

- 1 Kings 10:14,15

- 1 Kings 10:26

- 1 Kings 11:1-3

- Eccl 2:1,8

- 1 Kings 11:1-3

4. Response to Sin

- Eccl 7:26

- Eccl 12:13,14

5. Outcome

- 1 Kings 11:11-14, 40

- 1 Kings 12:6-20

III. Lessons for Us From Israel's Kings

- Be wary of pride in seasons of success (1 Pet 5:5)
- Remember the deceitfulness of your own heart (Jer 17:9)
- Counsel yourself away from justifying sin (1 Sam 15:21)
- Don't confuse external repentance with biblical repentance (2 Cor 7:11)
- Look for the way of escape when faced with a situation in which you have demonstrated weakness (1 Cor 10:13)
- When you do fall into sin, remind yourself that the one who mourns over their sin will be comforted (Matt 5:4)
- When faced with sin, remind yourself that the one who thirsts for righteousness will be satisfied (Matt 5:6)
- Remember that we cannot conceal anything from God (Prov 5:21)