

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

I. 8 Lessons for Us From Israel & Their Kings

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

II. God's Design for Israel

Deuteronomy 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)

III. The Testimony of Israel's Kings

A. Saul

1. The Start
 - 1 Samuel 11:1,4; 6,7; 11
2. The Warning
 - 1 Samuel 15:3

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

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

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

 - 1 Samuel 31:3,4

B. David

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

2. The Warning
 - Deuteronomy 17:17

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

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

- 2 Samuel 12:5,7,13

- Psalm 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

- Numbers 33:50,52

- Deuteronomy 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

- Ecclesiastes 2:1,8

- 1 Kings 11:1-3

4. Response to Sin

- Ecclesiastes 7:26

- Ecclesiastes 12:13,14

5. Outcome

- 1 Kings 11:11-14, 40

- 1 Kings 12:6-20