

“THE SONS OF DAVID”

INTRODUCTION

The title of this lesson is “THE SONS OF DAVID.” In 1 Chron.;. 18:17, it is said, “...and the sons of David were chiefs at the king’s side.” We shall not attempt to deal with or discuss all of the 20 sons of David, but 2 in particular, ABSALOM and SOLOMON. Absalom was the 3rd son of David BY his wife, Maacah. Solomon was the 5th son of David by another wife, Bathsheba.

Now let’s give attention to these 2 sons, and the lessons we can learn when studying them and the teachings that come from the writings and wisdom of Solomon.

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, the young man ABSALOM.

A. What we learn about Absalom is found in 2 Sam. 13-18 in the Old Testament.

1. The 1st notable event in Absalom’s life is the killing of his half brother, Amon, for raping his (Amon’s half sister, recorded in 2 Sam. 13:1-22).
 - a. Tamar, a beautiful woman, wanted to have David allow her to marry Amon, rather than him raping her, but he would not agree.
 - b. After raping her, he hated her more than he had loved her, and she was shamed for life, reminding young people today that pre-marital sex does **not** promote love, but rather destroys it. 2 Sam. 13:1-15
 - c. Absalom learned of this, and killed Amon for his evil deed.
 - d. He then fled from David’s presence and lived in the nation of Geshur for 3 years.
2. The 2nd event of Absalom’s life is after was finally invited back to Jerusalem, he set the fields of Joab afire to get his attention, that he might finally get to David’s presence, and doing so, David his father kissed him. 2 Sam. 14:28-33
3. The 3rd notable event is when he stole the hearts of the Israelites from David, in a conspiracy to overthrow David’s kingdom.
 - a. His desire for power motivated him to go to Hebron and begin his quest for the throne of David, and thousands of men were killed in the effort.
 - b. In the war against Absalom, David told his servants to be kind to Absalom if they found him.
 - c. Absalom died a tragic death that ended his threat against David. 2 Sam. 18:9-18 [Read]
 - d. Upon learning of Absalom’s death, David wept. v. 33

B. Thus, the life of Absalom was filled with rape, murder, the death of thousands, treason and a failed effort to overthrow the kingdom of God under David’s rule.

II. 2nd, the young man SOLOMON.

A. Solomon was the 5th son of David BY his wife, Bathsheba.

1. The background goes back to David’s sinful affair with Bathsheba, which resulted in the death of one baby boy, and then the birth of 3 other boys before the birth of Solomon.
2. God chose Solomon to be the successor to David’s throne, and it was by HIM that God’s temple was erected in Jerusalem, and establish the kingdom that would last forever. 2 Sam. 7:12- 13; 1 Chron. 28:5-7
 - a. David wanted to build God a house in Jerusalem, but because of the many wars and the shedding of blood in David’s reign, he was unable to.

- b. Just as Absalom was a man of violence, murder and rebellion, Solomon was a man of peace, and his name is associated with wisdom and riches.
- c. Solomon prayed for wisdom, and God gave **it and riches** to him. 1 Kings 3:5-11
- d. Solomon wrote 3 books of the Old Testament, 2 of which basically dealt with wisdom (being the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes).
 - 1) The first few chapters emphasize messages to his “son” or “sons”.
 - a) He gives advice to avoid evil companionship. (Prov. 1:8-19)
[Discuss if desired]
 - b) He gives advice to avoid evil women who would allure them into adultery. (Prov. 6:20-35)
 - 2) One special act of wisdom was the settling of the dispute between 2 prostitutes regarding the death of one of their babies (1 Kings 3:16-28). [Discuss as desired]

B. Now, Solomon’s connection to the New Testament.

- 1. The New Testament records the lineage of Jesus from David, through Solomon, showing that Jesus is the “son of David”, or one of his descendants. Matt. 1:1, 5-6; Rom. 1:1-3; Matt. 22:41-46; cf Matt. 12:42
- 2. Jesus, a descendant of David and Solomon, built **another** “house of God” (church) or “kingdom” for the gospel age. Matt. 16:13-18
 - a. Being IN the church is a great exercise of wisdom.
 - b. Being IN the church is the enjoyment of the greatest riches in this world, and in the world to come.

CONCLUSION

- I. We learn from the life of Absalom that violence, murder and the quest for material gain can lead to ruin. Hos. 8:7A; Gal. 6:7-8
- II. The blessings of Solomon’s SON are extended to all who want them.
- III. If you want salvation and the hope of heaven, won’t you come to Christ now?
 - A. If you believe in Jesus, you need to complete your reservation for heaven by repenting of all sins, confessing Jesus, and being immersed in water.
 - B. If you have lost your saved relationship because of public sin, you need to repent, confess sins, and pray for pardon.
 - C. If you are subject to the Lord’s invitation, we invite you to respond now, as we stand together and sing, for your encouragement.

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