

Solomon Becomes King



Let the redeemed of the Lord say so. Psalm 107:2

Bible Study:



Read 1 Samuel 12:24-25; 1 Kings 1-3. As the older brother, Adonijah was the logical choice to succeed David as king. Yet God chose Solomon and even gave him a new name – “God’s beloved.” Consider how we continue to see the theme of God’s Loyalty in this story.

The gospel in the story:



Adonijah got what he deserved; he was a selfish, sinful man who wanted to exalt himself over others. Solomon, on the other hand received favor from God; he was redeemed out of lowly circumstances (being the younger brother born into a shameful union of David and Bathsheba), and made king. The word redeem essentially means "to buy out" or pay one’s debt. All of humanity is sinful and therefore owes a debt to God. (Scripture tells us that the wages of sin is death). Yet God chose to forgive David and pour out special favor on Solomon. This situation helps us see the depths of hopelessness without God, and the heights of forgiveness and blessing through God’s grace. Neither David nor his son Solomon did anything to deserve or earn such gracious actions from God. Even more spectacular is that all who repent of their sin and put their faith in Jesus, are redeemed from a life of death into everlasting life with Him.

Application:

Head: **What did we learn?**

Q: Who is Adonijah? A: A son of David.
 Q: What did Adonijah do when David became too old to rule? A: Tried to become king in a deceitful way.
 Q: What did David do when he found out? A: He installed Solomon as king.
 Q: Who is Solomon? A: A younger brother of Adonijah, (whose mother was Bathsheba).
 Q: Why did David choose Solomon over Adonijah? A: Because Solomon found favor in Gods eyes, and God chose Solomon to be king.

Heart : **Memory verse**

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Hands: **How does this affect the way I live?**

We love God, because He first loved us!

Home: **How does this affect my household?**

Adonijah was a bad son because of sin, and made worse because David never disciplined him. Godly households seek to follow God’s pattern of loving discipline that helps us grow in the knowledge and Grace of God’s nature.

Heaven: **How does this help us share our faith?**

Jesus’ family has a powerful testimony as redeemed children of God; Jesus paid the price – His death – that redeemed us from hopeless situation of separation from God. We are recipients of grace and therefore live as agents of grace to all those around us.