

GAME OF THRONES

THE REIGN OF DAVID

The Dynasty Secured

Key idea:

God fulfilled His promise to David that his son would follow him as king and build God's house, first in Solomon and ultimately in Jesus.

Key text:

1 Chronicles 28:2–10, 20

King David rose to his feet and said: “Listen to me, my brothers and my people. I had it in my heart to build a house as a place of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, for the footstool of our God, and I made plans to build it.³ But God said to me, ‘You are not to build a house for my Name, because you are a warrior and have shed blood.’⁴ “Yet the LORD, the God of Israel, chose me from my whole family to be king over Israel forever. He chose Judah as leader, and from the house of Judah he chose my family, and from my father’s sons he was pleased to make me king over all Israel.⁵ Of all my sons — and the LORD has given me many — he has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.⁶ He said to me: ‘Solomon your son is the one who will build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.⁷ I will establish his kingdom forever if he is unswerving in carrying out my commands and laws, as is being done at this time.’⁸ “So now I charge you in the sight of all Israel and of the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God: Be careful to follow all the commands of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land and pass it on as an inheritance to your descendants forever.⁹ “And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.¹⁰ Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a temple as a sanctuary. Be strong and do the work.”²⁰ David also said to Solomon his son, “Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the LORD is finished.

1 Chronicles 29:22–25

²²They ate and drank with great joy in the presence of the LORD that day. Then they acknowledged Solomon son of David as king a second time, anointing him before the LORD to be ruler and Zadok to be priest. ²³So Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king in place of his father David. He prospered and all Israel obeyed him. ²⁴All the officers and mighty men, as well as all of King David's sons, pledged their submission to King Solomon. ²⁵The LORD highly exalted Solomon in the sight of all Israel and bestowed on him royal splendor such as no king over Israel ever had before.

Key points:

1. David had wanted to build God's house, but the Lord did not allow him, choosing Solomon to do it instead.
2. Like Moses and Joshua, David and Solomon successfully see the transfer of leadership from one generation to the next.
3. God's covenant promises and Presence provided the foundation for Solomon's Kingship.
4. God's covenant promises called for Solomon to obey God's commands.
5. Jesus is greater than Joshua or Solomon, and His obedience has secured all of God's covenant promises and blessings for us.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. How do you think David felt as he saw Solomon become King after him? Can you think of a time when something you desired came true? What effect did that have on you?
3. Bret said, "God's covenant promises and Presence are the anchor that holds through the storms which blow into every life." What storms can you identify in your life at present? How are God's covenant Promises and Presence an anchor in that storm?
4. What is the relationship between your obedience and receiving God's covenant promises? Does the covenant depend on your obedience? Why must you obey? What happens if you do not obey?

5. How is Jesus greater than either Joshua or Solomon? What does this mean in your life? How does this affect your daily life?
6. If Jesus has secured all of God's covenant promises for you, which covenant promises is the Spirit calling to you to grasp by faith today? Are there circumstances causing you to doubt these promises? How can you stir up your faith to receive them?
7. Can you think of someone with whom you can share what you have learned this week? Pray for them and ask God to open a door for you to share His Word.

Preview of next week: But God.... (Ephesians 2:1-10)