

GAME OF THRONES

THE REIGN OF DAVID

The Legacy of David

Key idea:

Because of grace, the legacy of David is not that of a sinner but of a man after God's own heart who should be honored.

Key text:

1 Chronicles 29:26–30

David son of Jesse was king over all Israel. ²⁷ He ruled over Israel forty years — seven in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. ²⁸ He died at a good old age, having enjoyed long life, wealth and honor. His son Solomon succeeded him as king. ²⁹ As for the events of King David's reign, from beginning to end, they are written in the records of Samuel the seer, the records of Nathan the prophet and the records of Gad the seer, ³⁰ together with the details of his reign and power, and the circumstances that surrounded him and Israel and the kingdoms of all the other lands.

Key points:

1. The book of Chronicles ends David's story on a positive note.
2. In the remainder of Scripture, David is the gold standard for kings, the one with whom God keeps covenant, the man of God, and the ultimate type for the Messiah. In many ways, he is counted as one of the greatest followers of God.
3. While Scripture does recognize and remember David's sins, God sees David and his legacy through eyes of grace.
4. God sees all of His people and their legacy through eyes of grace, blotting out their sins and maximizing and enshrining their faith-fueled obedience.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. Given all of the sins of David, how surprised were you to see the overwhelmingly positive way he is remembered by later biblical writers? Are they simply ignoring or covering up his sins? Why or why not?
3. The ending of the story of David in 1 Kings 1-2 is a lot more convoluted and negative than the ending in Chronicles. Very often, Samuel and Kings present more of the sins of people, while Chronicles presents their virtues and faith. Why do you think God had both of these perspectives in Scripture?
4. How well does our culture do at recognizing peoples failures, but still honoring them for the great things they have done? How well do you do at this?
5. How is the idea of honoring a person's legacy related to the 5th commandment "Honor your father and mother"? Why can it be hard for us to honor our parents and others who have gone before us? How can we do this?
6. If you are honest, how do you think God views you and your legacy? Do you think he will magnify your obedience or your sins? How does this belief affect your life today?
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.

Our Advent Series: Images of Christ

Series Theme: The images of a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle represent four aspects of Jesus Christ: the True Human, King, Servant, and God.

Preview of next week: Man - The True Human (Matthew 1:1)