

Theme: 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.

## I. Intro - End of a Long Story

- A. It is really hard to end a long epic story or series
- B. Some of the greatest TV shows have had a lot of controversy over their final episode - Seinfeld; Sopranos; How I Met Your Mother
- C. The same is true for books like Lord of the Rings; 1984
- D. How do you end a long, epic story like the life of David?
- E. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> teaching on David's reign; we did 11 weeks on his rise to power
- F. How do you end such an epic tale?
- G. How does Chronicles end David's story?
- H. How does God view David's legacy?

## II. The Legacy of David

- A. Chronicles ends David's story on a positive note  
David son of Jesse was king over all Israel. <sup>27</sup> He ruled over Israel forty years — seven in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. <sup>28</sup> He died at a good old age, having enjoyed long life, wealth and honor. His son Solomon succeeded him as king. 1 Chronicles 29:26–28
  - 1. David was king for 40 years - long successful reign.
  - 2. "Died at a good old age, long life, wealth, honor"
  - 3. This is as positive a description that could be given
  - 4. No note of the struggles at the end of David's life as in 1 Kings 1-2.

## B. David's legacy in Scripture

- 1. David is the gold standard by which both good and bad kings are judged  
Ahaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem sixteen years. **Unlike David his father, he did not do what was right in the eyes of the LORD his God.** 2 Kings 16:2

As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and **his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been.** 1 Kings 11:4

**He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, but not as his father David had done.** In everything he followed the example of his father Joash. 2 Kings 14:3 (Jehoash)

Josiah did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and walked in all the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left. 2 Kings 22:2

- 2. God delayed judgment on Israel for David's sake  
I will defend this city and save it, for my sake and for the sake of David my servant." 2 Kings 19:34
- 3. David the man of God  
And the leaders of the Levites were Hashabiah, Sherebiah, Jeshua son of Kadmiel, and their associates, who stood opposite them to give praise and thanksgiving, one section responding to the other, as prescribed by **David the man of God.** Nehemiah 12:24

4. David the ancestor of the Messiah, the Coming King  
“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. Jeremiah 23:5

<sup>23</sup> I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken. Ezekiel 34:23–24

5. David the ancestor of the Messiah - the NT record  
A record of the genealogy of Jesus Christ the son of David, the son of Abraham: Matthew 1:1

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, 2 Timothy 2:8

6. Jesus penultimate words - His relation to David  
“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. **I am the Root and the Offspring of David**, and the bright Morning Star.” Revelation 22:16

#### C. Summary and question

1. 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.
2. What about David’s sins? Why are they not mentioned? There is hardly a whisper of them! Why is this so?

### III. A Grace Based Legacy

#### A. Scripture does recognize and remember David’s sins

1. We have seen these sins in detail as we studied 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 Chronicles
2. Even this text points us back to those writings  
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**,<sup>30</sup> 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. 1 Chronicles 29:29–30
  - a. These other books have all the details - good & bad
  - b. David’s sin does appear at places like 1 Kings 15:3-5; Matthew 1:6
3. But the dominant note is what David did right, not his sins. Why is this?

#### B. God sees David and his legacy through eyes of grace.

1. David had sinned and fallen short in many ways.
2. David even showed a lack of faith and bitterness at the end of his life (see 1 Kings 1-2)
3. But thank God that our Lord sees David through the eyes of grace!
4. The is why the emphasis is not on David’s failure, but on his heart for God, his faith, the things he did to serve God.

C. This is how God sees all of the Old Testament saints  
Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. <sup>2</sup> This is what the ancients were commended for. Hebrews 11:1–2

1. They are all commended for faith - despite their sins and failures
2. No mention of Noah's drunkenness & curse on Ham
3. No mention of Abraham doubting God, lying about Sarah, using Hagar
4. No mention of Isaac preferring Esau and having to be tricked to bless the son God had chosen
5. No mention of Jacob the deceiver and all his sins
6. No mention of Moses' fears and failures, or how he did not enter the promised land
7. These and many other sins are passed over because they have been covered by Christ's blood.
8. Because of Christ and the Gospel, the sins are removed and no longer mentioned, while the faith and obedience are maximized and eternally recorded.
9. This is grace - our sins are forgiven and blotted out, while our faith fueled obedience is magnified and eternally enshrined before God's people.

#### IV. Applying the Word

A. Do I view others through a lens of grace or law?

1. This is a real problem in our culture today
2. We devour one another over our sins and shortcomings

3. This is especially true of previous generations - we are guilty of the sin of chronological snobbery!
4. It is getting so that we will have no heroes left
5. Do I tend to maximize the sins of others, or extending them grace as God has done for me?
6. Do I have a Manichaean view of people - all good or all evil?
7. Am I able to recognize the sin of others and yet honor them for the good they have done?
8. To not be able to do this is the worst sort of pride and arrogance
9. If we can't do this with generations who have gone before, we will lose the gifts of the church, culture, and family

B. Do I know that God views me through eyes of grace?

1. Many believers struggle with a sense that God always views them through their sin
2. We dread the day God will expose all our sin for all to see, and burn up our faulty works
3. But God sees us as He sees David - through eyes of grace!
4. God sees you as the heroes in Hebrews 11 - through eyes of grace!
5. This is grace - our sins are forgiven and blotted out, while our faith fueled obedience is magnified and eternally enshrined before God's people.

6. Do I believe this? How do I think God views me as His child?
7. Do I know that in Christ I am totally forgiven - God declares that I am totally righteous, as if I had never sinned and as if I had positively obeyed all of God's law perfectly?
8. Rejoice that your legacy is built on God's grace and not your failures!
9. Let this motivate you to serve Him with love and gratitude.

#### C. The Table of Grace

1. This is the Table of grace through Christ's broken body and shed blood
2. Here we are reminded that God receives and sees us through grace
3. Here we receive fresh grace for this week
4. Here we see that our legacy is built on God's grace
5. Come remember, receive, and celebrate God's grace!

### The Legacy of David

1 Chronicles 29:26-30

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2 Peter 1:2

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May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 2 Peter 1:2