

Theme: Jesus is the True and Better David, the Great Shepherd-Warrior-King Who cares for, protects, delivers, and rules over God's people, working out all things to God's glory and their good now and into eternity.

I. Winston Churchill and King David

- A. Churchill Walking with Destiny by Andrew Roberts
- B. Churchill had an amazing life (nobility; Boer war; POW; escape; journalist; politician; trenches of WWI; out of favor; PM in WWII; award winning historian, etc)
- C. British schoolkids thought it was fiction!
- D. King David lived a life like that - Shepherd-Warrior-King
Christ, the true and better David
Lowly shepherd, mighty king
He the champion in the battle
Where, o death, is now thy sting?
In our place He bled and conquered
Crown Him Lord of majesty
His shall be the throne forever
We shall e'er His people be
- Christ the True and Better
- E. But David was just the beginning - Jesus is the real larger-than-life hero - who really lived and far surpassed David!

II. Jesus the Son of David

- A. Jesus is the Son of David
He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of **his father David**, Luke 1:32

He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in **the house of his servant David** ⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), Luke 1:69-70

- 1. Jesus is from the house of David, He is David's Son
 - 2. He is physically descended from David
 - 3. He is qualified to fulfill the biblical prophecies about being the King over God's people.
- B. Jesus is the King over God's people
He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him **the throne of his father David**, ³³ **and he will reign** over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." Luke 1:32-33
He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David ⁷⁰ (**as he said through his holy prophets of long ago**), Luke 1:69-70
- 1. God had promised David an offspring/seed of his would sit on his throne
 - 2. This one would rule over God's people, fulfilling God's covenant with David and the prophecies about this King.
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and **the government** will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince** of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his **government** and peace there will be no end. **He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom...** Isaiah 9:6-7
 - a. This is a familiar prophecy for Advent/Christmas
 - b. It is famously sung in Handel's Messiah
 - c. But it is just one prophecy among many saying that One would come to sit on David's throne and be the eternal King over God's people.

III. Christ the True and Better King

A. Jesus is the Shepherd over God's people forever

1. The king in Israel was first a shepherd

In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.'" 2 Samuel 5:2

- a. God said David would become king over Israel
- b. He will shepherd Israel - this is primary to what it means to be the leader of God's people

2. This is because the Lord is the Shepherd, and the king is meant to represent God

3. Jesus is the True and Greater Shepherd

I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. 24 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

- a. Israel's shepherds had failed time and again
- b. Ezekiel 34 is an indictment against these shepherds
- c. God promised to send the Greater David to be the True and Greater Shepherd.

4. Jesus is the True and Greater Shepherd-King caring for the people of God, tenderly loving and feeding them.

B. Jesus vanquishes all of the enemies of God's people

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people. 69 He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his

servant David 70 (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), 71 **salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us** — 72 to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, 73 the oath he swore to our father Abraham: 74 **to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear** 75 in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. Luke 1:68-75

1. The coming King would save and rescue the people
2. As David defeated Goliath and the armies all around, so this King would defeat the enemies of God's people
3. This was to fulfill the Abrahamic covenant
I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 **I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.** Genesis 12:2-3
 - a. God would bless and curse - so Abraham did not need to fear what man could do!
 - b. Others may curse, but Abraham was to be a blessing!
 - c. This blessing would come through the coming seed of the woman, the seed of Abraham (and the seed of David).
4. Jesus has vanquished our enemies, not other humans, but Satan and death, so that we can serve God without fear!
He the champion in the battle
Where, o death, is now thy sting? (Christ the True)
5. Jesus is the True and Greater Warrior-King, delivering us from Satan and death so that we never have to fear anyone or anything because whatever happens on this earth we will live forever with God!

C. Jesus rules over God's people perfectly

Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, **establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.** The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. Isaiah 9:7

1. Jesus' reign is perfect because it establishes justice and righteousness
2. Many kings rule wrongfully, using the people and reigning in wickedness, but Jesus rules with perfect justice and righteousness.
3. Even David failed and sometimes used power for his own gain rather than for the good of his people - but Jesus always rules with perfect righteousness.
4. This does not mean we always understand what He is doing or how things will work out - but we can rest in peace knowing that He always does right and will work all things to His glory and our good.
5. Jesus' reign is also perfect because it lasts forever. Even if there was a king who always ruled with perfect justice, their reign would end with death, but Jesus' reign is eternal!
and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever;
his kingdom will never end. Luke 1:33
6. Jesus is the True and Better King Who always rules justly, working for the glory of God and the good of His people, now and throughout eternity!

IV. Applying the Word

A. Do I see Jesus is the True and Better King?

1. David was a good shepherd-warrior-king - but Jesus far surpasses David!
2. David was a good shepherd - but Jesus is the Lord Who is our Shepherd Who always sees and watches over us!
3. David defeated Goliath and delivered God's people temporarily, but Jesus has conquered Satan and death on our behalf, giving us eternal life and blessing!
4. David was a good king, but he failed as all leaders do, and then he died. But Jesus is the Perfectly Righteous King, and He lives forever to lead us into eternal Shalom and blessing!
5. If you have never looked to Jesus and asked Him to rule over you, do so today!

B. The Table of the True and Better King

1. Psalm 23 - Shepherd-Warrior-King brings us to His Table!
2. Corporate reading of Psalm 23
3. Come to the Table of the True and Better King!

Christ the True and Better King

Luke 1:30-33; 68-75

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Communion

Revelation 1:4-5

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Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from His Holy Spirit, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth - who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood! You are filled with every blessing by Your King - so go forth and be a blessing!
Revelation 1:4-5

But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”
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