

Our Promise Keeping King – 2 Samuel

2 Samuel 8:1-18

“Your Kingdom Come” – November 11, 2018



Introduction

Our world is broken. People hurting others, people being hurt, natural disasters, war, famine, racism, prejudice, illness, abuse, homelessness, and babies being killed. We don't have to look very far to see and feel the problems around us, and within us. Where are we to look for hope? How will things be made right? The world hopes in lots of things: politicians, political parties, programs, policies, education, etc. As important and helpful as those things can be, if the world is broken because of *sin*, we need someone who can fix the root problem of sin. Our hope, the Bible says, is in a King who can bring perfect justice and equity.

Pray

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response.

Sermon Outline

- 1) God's faithfulness means victory for the king (8:1-6)
- 2) God's faithfulness means a great name for the king (8:7-14)
- 3) God saves the king, to save His people (8:15-18)

Read & Discuss

- 1) Read [2 Samuel 8:1-6](#)

Israel has been surrounded and harassed by enemies for years. But in [2 Samuel 7:10](#), God had promised David land, peace, and rest from his enemies. Here in chapter 8, we see God's faithfulness to that promise as David subdues enemy after enemy. What God promises, God does – that's clear in the refrain of verse 6: “And the Lord gave victory to David wherever he went.” Both in His mercy and his judgment, God is faithful. That God keeps His word is the basis of our hope and the reason we should never presume upon His grace and patience ([Romans 2:4-5](#)). Are you struggling to hope in any part of your life right now? What does God promise you in your circumstance? Take time to dwell on that promise, pray, and rest in God who will keep His promise to you.

Additional reading: 1 Corinthians 1:9, Psalm 25:3

- 2) Read [2 Samuel 8:7-14](#)

Not only did God promise David rest from the enemies who once harassed the people of God, he also promised to make David a great name. In 8:7-12, we see the wealth of the



of the nations pour in, both from victories and from nations who seek peace with David ([Haggai 2:7-9](#)). This isn't David trying to make a big deal of *himself*. In [2 Samuel 7:9](#) God had promised to give him a great name. Once again, God is being faithful to do as He promised. A thousand years later, the one that David serves as a signpost to, King Jesus, would come. God would give Him a name *above all other names* ([Philippians 2:9](#)).

Jesus didn't just inherit the gold, silver and bronze of a few nations. Jesus inherited *all* things (see [Hebrews 1:2](#)). His ownership of all things signifies authority over all things. In our weakness, weariness, and inadequacy, this is good news. Where we are weak, He is strong; where we are poor/inadequate, He has infinite resources. Our hope doesn't come from within, but in looking to Jesus. If that's the case, how are we to encourage each other as a church family? Specifically, who is someone you can encourage today?

Additional reading: Matthew 28:18, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

3) Read [2 Samuel 8:15-18](#)

David did not use the victories, wealth and great name to serve himself – but to serve the people he was called to lead. Specifically, he uses his authority to ensure that *all* his people know 'justice and equity.' Fast forward 1,000 years...and the one who David pointed toward finally came! As the King of kings, Jesus comes to establish the kingdom of God, to defeat sin/Satan/death, and redeem the world from the curse of sin. Not only does Jesus provide true and real hope as we wait for Him to set the world right again, we also begin to live *like* citizens of this King: striving to do what is right and set things right in our various situations and relationships. The more the church lives this way, caring for one another and taking her cues from and finding her strength in Christ, the more she serves as the outpost of heaven to which God has called her ([Ephesians 3:10](#)). Who are the people God has placed *you* around to bring such justice and equity? What are the unique scenarios and areas of influence God has given you to represent Him in?

Additional reading: Romans 6:1-4

Prayer of Response

Spend time praying together in response to God's word for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come.

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