

The Coming Kingdom

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2 Samuel 2:1-32

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A Holy Ambition

- We would expect David to be seeking the kingdom since Saul dead
- Instead we find David inquiring of the Lord¹
- David had been anointed but he wanted God's timing and plan
- David only wanted to be guided by the will of God
- When David didn't do this, it hadn't worked out so well...
- Believers, likewise need to seek God's will
- Believers get guidance from God by His Word, prayer and Spirit
- The Bible doesn't tell us things like name of person we marry...
 - it does give principles and priorities, i.e. for marriage:
 - Gen 2:24; Prov 31; Eph 5:25ff
 - requires study and asking God to show His truth^{Jms1:5; Isa11:2}
 - just listening to sermons won't do it, study the Word
- Prayer - WLC178; 184 - prayer is to get our wills aligned with God
- every believer has Spirit who guides us in God's truth^{1Co2:11-12}

Enthroned in Judah

- God leads David to Hebron in Judah
- Hebron was city of refuge^{Josh21:13}; important to Abraham^{Gen13:18;23:2}
- David moved his family and his men and settled in Hebron
- The people of Judah anointed David as king

David Pursues Peace

- David reaches out to men of Jabesh-gilead for their actions^{1S31:13}
- Might have seen them as rivals honoring Saul, but honored them
- We should learn from David: 1) seek God's guidance; 2) seek peace and unity when possible; 3) show God's grace in actions towards all others

A Clash Between Kingdoms

- Not all Israel was under David, Abner took remainder of Israel
- Apparently setup Ish-bosheth as puppet
- Abner makes encroachment to Gibeon
- Joab and men went to defend Judah at Gibeon
- Abner suggests gladiator type show - all die
- Battle ensues between Israel and Judah
- Abner flees seeing things are going well, Asahel pursues
- Joab, Asahel and Abishai - all nephews of David
- Abner warns Asahel to stop pursuing, ends up killing him
- Battle didn't go well for Israel so Abner asks for peace²⁶

So What?

- Avoid fighting brothers when possible
- Sometimes we will have to fight in this fallen world
- Fight bad doctrine with good God's truth, not character slander
- Fighting is rarely a good way to settle things *sword devour forever?*
- When we fight we must remember God's Word and character
- We must fight in a way that honors God
- Slandering others, telling lies or torture is never needed
- Sometimes we will feel like we're in Hebron with David...
- Jesus has accomplished our salvation victory, but the kingdom is not yet consummated but it is sure!
- Be patient, faithful and obedient to His Word until Christ returns and sets everything right