

# The Kingdom is Prepared

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2 Samuel 4:1-12

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## Waiting Upon the Lord

- David has been waiting upon the Lord for years for his kingdom...
- Psalm 37:1-11 might have been written about this situation
- David had been anointed to be king years ago<sup>15:16:13</sup>
- Saul had sought David for years... Abner then setup Ish-bosheth...
- Abner defected<sup>25:9-10</sup> and brokered peace, but murdered by Joab
- Ish-bosheth & Israel was dismayed, David could march on north...
- But David waited upon the Lord

## More Murders!

- Ish-bosheth was in rebellion to God's plan<sup>25:9</sup>
- Baanah & Rechab were ruffians who defected & killed Ish-bosheth
- David writes Ps 37:9-11. Wages of sin is death<sup>Rom6:23</sup>

## Two Evil Men who Misjudged David

- Baanah & Rechab thought David would be pleased with news...
- Didn't know David's character and previous actions<sup>25:1-10</sup>
- They claimed to speak for the Lord<sup>8</sup>
- God used evil men to accomplish His perfect purpose WCF 3.1
- David quickly executed judgment and publicly dealt with them
- Government is to serve God and justice<sup>Rom13:3-4</sup>
- Saul lost throne for failing to execute God's justice<sup>15:15</sup>
- See the WHY of David's actions – Gratitude for God's salvation<sup>4:9</sup>
- Beware of living for self rather than obedience to God<sup>Ps37:5-9</sup>

## God working to place His servant David as King

- v4 was just stuck in there... why?
- shows us that Mephibosheth is not a threat to David's rule
- God has eliminated all of Saul's sons as threats w/o David acting

## Applying These Truths

- David was willing to be patient (years of waiting upon the Lord)
- David simply needed to focus on obedience to honor God
- David didn't need to act to obtain the throne
- We see the importance of prayer & waiting upon the Lord and not forcing or manipulating things for your own gain.
- Don't allow circumstances to dictate your attitude - fix your eyes upon God's great mercy to you & trust Him to work
- When you are weak or in despair, look to God's promises found in Jesus Christ - the ultimate King<sup>1Jn3:16</sup>
- Faith is:
  - Believing the Word of God<sup>Heb 11:1;Rm10:17</sup>
  - and acting upon it<sup>Jms1:22-25;Jn3:36</sup>
  - no matter how I feel<sup>Heb11</sup>
  - knowing that God promises a good result<sup>Heb11:6;Rm8:28-29</sup>
- *Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act*<sup>Ps37:5</sup>