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David became a King of Israel

Scriptures: 2 Samuel 2:1-11, 5:1-25

As soon as King Saul passed away, David inquired God if he can go to any cities in Judah. God replied and told David to go to a city called Hebron. David and his family departed and headed toward Hebron as God commanded. When David arrived at Hebron, men of Judah came and anointed David as a King over Judah. Ishbosheth, the son of Saul, also became a king and ruled over other parts of Israel excluding Judah. After Ishbosheth reigned over Israel for 7 years, Ishbosheth died.

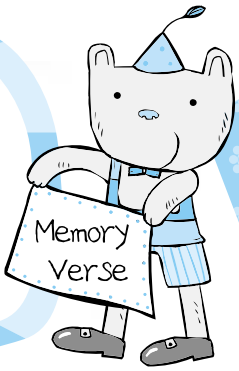
Then the elders of Israel came to David at Hebron and said,

"Lord said to you, you shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler of Israel"

So King David promised them before the Lord to rule over other parts of Israel as well as Judah. The elders anointed David as a king and David became a king of Israel.



I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all my will. (Acts 13:22)



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King David took Jerusalem and called it a City of David. David became stronger everyday as God was with him. Now Philistines heard that the elders of Israel had anointed David as a king over Israel, and they deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim to attack Israel.
David inquired God once again what he should do. Then God replied,

"When you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry tress, then you shall advance quickly. For then the Lord will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines."

God fought for David, and David fought as God commanded. As a result, David drove back the Philistines.



Today's Study

Before David became a King of Israel···

1. After David was anointed as a king of Israel, he faced many hardships and sufferings for a long time before he actually became a king of Israel. What were his hardships?



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Kill David when you find him!

2. How did David react during all these hardships? Locate the following scriptures in the Bible and answer them below.



◀ Psalms 119:109 & 110

Psalms 18:6 ▶



Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all (Psalms 34:19)



Today's Lesson

God trained David through many hardships and sufferings to ultimately make David a king. We also face many difficulties and hardships in our daily lives. What kind of hardships do you encounter at school, home and at church?

How do you handle these difficulties?

Glory after hardships··

After David faced hardships and sufferings, what happened to him?

If indeed we _____ with Him, that we may also be glorified together. For I consider that the _____ of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the _____ which shall be revealed in us. (Romans 8:17, 18)

Sometimes God leads us to a path that is difficult and hard to manage, but if we are patient and continue to follow His path, we will be rewarded according to the riches of his glory.



Subsequent to sufferings



Glory···



Illustration

* Paper boat with a stone···

A boy was floating a paper boat on a pond. As soon as the boat floated to an unreachable point, the boy began to cry. Then the boy's brother threw a stone toward the boat. The boy began to cry even more thinking that his brother threw a stone to target his boat. But the boy stopped crying when he realized that his brother's stone made the boat float toward him as a result of waves when it hit the surface of the water. As the boy was afraid when he first thought the stone targeted his boat, likewise we fear when we first encounter sufferings and difficulties. However, God throws the stone to the people who want to rely on Him and to follow His Will to draw us closer to Him.

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