

The Old Testament

2 Samuel – the Story of David

Introduction:

1. David's life is an allegory of our lives
2. The **Allegorical interpretation of the Bible** is an interpretive method that assumes that the Bible has various levels of meaning and tends to focus on the spiritual sense
3. The life of David falls into four simple divisions:
 - a. Chapter 1 -5 – The Road to Dominion
 - b. Chapter 6-10 – Highlights worship and victory
 - c. Chapter 11-20 – The record of David's failure and God's forgiveness
 - d. Closing section – an appendix which sets forth some important lessons
4. Two ways to look at the life of David
 - a. As a picture of Jesus Christ
 - b. As a picture of each individual believer
5. This is the way that the message for today will come alive
6. **"These things were written," Paul says, "for our instruction" (1 Corinthians 10:11)**
7. The story of David is a picture for us of what happens in a Christian's life as he gives it to God -- a place of dominion and reign.
8. But there are enemies always threatening us
9. The kings of Israel were never able to get rid of the Philistines, the Ammonites, the Jebusites, the Perizzites and all the other "-ites"
10. Who / what are enemies who are threatening you?
11. David is called **"the man after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14)**, just as King Saul, the first king of Israel might be labeled **"the king like the nations around. "**
12. **Psalm 119:47–48: "For I delight in your commands because I love them. I lift up my hands to your commands, which I love, and I meditate on your decrees."**
13. Asking for forgiveness is half the equation – the other half is repentance
14. **David's prayer of repentance: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin!" (Psalm 51:1–2).**
15. David gives us a road map
16. There is a contrast between David's life and Saul

The First Section:

1. Saul – the man of the flesh dies
2. In our lives this is the picture of the time when we come at last to the full truth of the cross and what the cross means to us.
3. It is then we are standing in the same place as David – we are free to reign
4. While he was king only over Judah, there was a fierce struggle going on between the rights of David and the house of Saul.
5. The flesh dies hard

The Second Section –

1. His first concern is to bring back the Ark of the Covenant
2. The fish god of the Philistines could not stand in the presence of the Ark and so they move the Ark

3. When you came to the realization that Jesus Christ had the right to be Lord over every area of your life, was it not your desire to put him squarely in the center of your life?
4. David builds a new Ark – man’s methods to get the Presence of God
5. Uzzah dies trying to steady the Ark – this was David’s fault because there were very specific rules for transporting the Ark – only the Levites were to do this
6. Sincerity is not enough in serving God - have you ever discovered that for yourself?
7. God will never compromise on this – it is not His job to do our program
8. Then we see that David wanted to build a temple for God
9. ***"Here I live in a beautiful house of cedar and God's ark has to dwell in an old tent. Why don't I build a house for God?" (7:2)***
10. God says no to David because he was a man of war
11. The rest of this section is David’s victory over his enemies

The Third Section

1. This records David’s failures
2. ***"In the spring of the year, the time when kings go forth to battle," (2 Samuel 11:1a)***
3. He saw – he sent – he inquired, and he took – the path of temptation
4. Nathan confronts him and immediately he repents but
5. ***2 Samuel 12:10-12 "Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' Thus, says the Lord, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.'"***
6. This was fulfilled by Absalom
7. God forgives but He is a God of government – so must face the results of his deeds
8. The next chapters are the dark story of Amnon, Tamar and Absalom
9. There is a beautiful picture of the heart attitude we should have if we fall

Finally:

1. We have the epilogue, which gathers up some of the lessons that David learned
2. Firstly, the story of the Gibeonites- the past must be dealt with
3. Secondly, he again defeats the Philistines
4. Then in **2 Samuel 22** he sings a song of deliverance
5. What you are to God, that is what God will be to you.
6. For instance, if you are pure in heart you will discover that God is this way to you and will bring more of this beauty and purity into your own heart and soul.
7. ***Philippians 3:12 "Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own."***
8. He is saying ***"What I am to him, he will be to me,"***

The Last Chapter:

1. The sin of numbering the people – what does it teach us?
2. Sin never dies of old age –
3. No matter how long you walk with God, it is still possible to fall.
4. The only thing that maintains the spiritual life is the quiet, day-by-day, moment-by-moment walk in faith.

