

A HEART FOR GOD

LEARNING FROM THE LIFE AND POETRY OF DAVID, part 2

Read 1 Kings 1

1. Who proclaimed Adonijah as king to serve after David? (vs. 5) What claim did Adonijah have to the throne? 2 Samuel 3:4
2. List the outward signs that Adonijah used to legitimize his coronation. (vss. 5b, 9) Who else does this sound like? 2 Samuel 15:1
3. Despite all the fanfare, who's important endorsement did Adonijah lack? Who was not invited to Adonijah's coronation feast? What did the lack of an invitation probably mean? (vss. 12, 21)
4. Why did Nathan seek the help of Bathsheba to tell David about Adonijah's coronation?
5. Who was David's choice for king after him? (vss. 17, 30) Who was God's choice as David's successor? (1 Chronicles 22:8–10) What did Nathan know about Solomon? (2 Samuel 12:24–25)
6. List David's instructions for Solomon's coronation. (vss. 32–35) What does the celebration for the true king sound like? (vs. 40) When does the earth tremble again for the true king? (Matthew 27:54)
7. What is Adonijah's reaction to the news of Solomon's anointing and coronation? What is Solomon's reply to Adonijah's request for mercy? Are there any conditions on Solomon's forgiveness of Adonijah?

8. Where does Adonijah go for refuge? (1:50). What is our place of refuge today? (Hebrews 6:18–20)

Read 1 Kings 2

9. David's charge to Solomon is familiar to the Israelites. When is a similar charge given, and who gives it? (See Joshua 1:7–9) What promise does God make to David that David wants Solomon to continue to keep? (vs. 4) Does Solomon keep that promise? Who ultimately kept and fulfilled this promise? Romans 1:3–4
10. Speculate about what happened with Adonijah since the time he was spared by Solomon. Whose help did Adonijah seek in his scheme to become king? Why?
11. Think back over David's life. What lessons have you learned from studying his life that you will take with you?

Read Psalm 72

12. Although this Psalm may have been used at Solomon's coronation, who is this psalm really about?
13. What are the characteristics of a good leader? (vss. 2, 4, 12–14) How can we be this kind of leader?
14. Did Israel ever experience the peace and prosperity described in this psalm? Will we ever experience it? Revelation 21:1–5