

The Ascent of David

2 Samuel 3:1-5

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Main Idea:

David Grows Stronger and Stronger Precisely Because God Doesn't Change

1.) David's Ascent Is Accompanied by Sin (V. 2-5)

Genesis 2:24, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife..."

Deuteronomy 17:17, "Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away..."

2 Samuel 5:13, "And David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem..."

2 Samuel 3:15-16, "And Ishbosheth sent and took her from her husband, from Paltiel the son of Laish. 16 Then her husband went along with her to Bahurim, weeping behind her. So Abner said to him, "Go, return!" And he returned."

Two Lessons-

1.) Practical Lesson- The Old Testament Historical Narrative is Not Normative

2.) Moral Lesson- David is Wrong for Having Six Sons by Six Different Women

Application- Guard Your Heart

Proverbs 4:23, "Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life."

2.) David's Ascent Is Accomplished by God (v. 1b)

2 Samuel 5:12, "So David knew that the Lord had established him as king over Israel..."

2 Samuel 8:6, "...So the Lord preserved David wherever he went."

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Exodus 34:6-7, "The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

3.) David's Ascent Is Accompanied by Time (v. 1a)

2 Samuel 3:1, "Now there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David...."

Ephesians 6:12, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

1 Peter 5:8, "walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour,"

2 Corinthians 10:4-5, "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ"

Galatians 5:17, "For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh"

2 Timothy 2:13, "If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself."