

Give Us A King



A Harmony of Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles

Part 1

1-2 Samuel and 1 Chronicles

Trouble in David's House (2 Sam. 13-18)

Two Important Principles

1. David's troubles are the direct result of the punishment and judgment for his sin (12:11)
2. David is passive and reacts to the problems around him; he is not active to resolve the problems around him (13:21, 25, 30-31, 37, 39; 14:21, 33; 15:13-14; 15:31; 16:11; 17:21-22; 18:1-5; 24-33)



Applications for Today

1. True love for another person will show itself in selfless good, not selfish evil (13:1, 4, 15; Gen. 34:1-7; 1 Cor. 13:4-6).
2. Be careful who you choose to be your friends. They may give you unwise counsel that will lead you to sin (13:3; Psa. 15:3; 41:9; Prov. 16:28; 18:24; Jas. 4:4).
3. Deceit and conspiracy often lead to sin (13:5, 23; 14:1-5; 1 Pet. 2:1).

Applications for Today

4. Committing sin is committing folly. Sin is unwise, senseless, foolish, empty behavior (13:12; Gen. 34:1-7; Josh. 7:15; Psa. 39:8).
5. Sin, and the internal guilt that follows, can change your outlook toward another person (13:15-19; Gen. 3:7-13).
6. Death is like water spilt on the ground; you can't get your life back (14:14; Heb. 9:27).

Applications for Today

7. God reveals to mankind what is good and bad through messengers (14:17; Deut. 30:15; 1 K. 3:9; 22:8; Heb. 5:12-14).
8. What makes a man is the inward godly character of the heart, not the outward good looks of the body (14:25-27; 1 Sam. 16:7).

Applications for Today

9. Don't be passive and simply react to the problems around you; be active to resolve the problems around you. Be a person of action, not inaction (13:21, 25, 30-31, 37, 39; 14:21, 33; 15:13-14; 15:31; 16:11; 17:21-22; 18:1-5; 24-33; Judges 5:12-23; Mt. 25:25; 1 Jn. 4:18).