

2 Samuel 4,5

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“David, God’s Choice, People’s Choice!”

I. **INTRO:**

- A. **News Item:** Somali Pirates Kill 2 American couples. [Whats your thoughts?]
1. Scott & Jean Adam (Vessel/Quest) St. Monica’s Church in Santa Monica.
 2. Scott was a *master of divinity* graduate from Fuller Theological Seminary & received his master of theology last year.
 3. With their **bible distribution** they said, part of their travels include “friendship evangelism” which he defined as “finding homes for thousands of bibles”.
 4. Craig Detweiler, a prof at Pepperdine, who went to school w/Scott said, “They acknowledged that they were navigating a **global hot spot**, but it was not like them to **shy away**.”
 5. **My question:** Wouldn’t you rather **die** doing what you love & feel called to, **then** live a life wondering if?
 - a) **Great stories** go to those who don’t give in to *fear*.
 - b) Yes **fear** can guide us in *keeping us safe*; **but** it also can manipulate us into **living a boring life!**
 - c) What’s the most repeated *commandment* in the bible, “**do not fear**” (over 200 x’s).
 - d) I’m obviously not advocating recklessness, **but** everyone that knew them, knew they weren’t reckless individuals. I don’t think they were choosing to die, but they did choose how they’d live, even if it involved risk!
 6. **I say**, way to go Scott & Jean Adam, & Phyllis Macay & Bob Riggle. Way to live out **a great story!** [combining retirement, a hobby, faith, missions]
 - a) May you rest in peace & shine in glory!

II. **ISHBOSHETH’s Coup de Grâce! (Ch.4)**

- A. *Coup de grâce* = a final blow or shot given to kill a wounded person or animal.
1. This was Ishbosheth’s *coup de grâce* for his ailing kingdom.
- B. **THE ACCIDENT!** (1-4)
- C. There is a short digression in our assassination plot, regarding **Mephibosheth**, Jonathan’s son, who becomes crippled when he is **accidentally dropped** by his nurse as she flees from the Philistines.
1. We’ll meet **Mephibosheth** again in ch.9.

D. **THE ASSASSINATION!** (5-7)

E. Simply cold blooded murder.

F. **THE AVENGING!** (8-12)

G. The 2 brothers bring the severed head of Ishbosheth to David, hoping to be **rewarded**, or I guess you can say they were *just trying to get ahead!* :)

H. What terrible things people do in the name of the Lord, thinking to please Him.

1. God's people **do not do evil that good may come** (Rom.3:8);
Rather, we are to **overcome evil with good** (Rom.12:21).

I. I wonder if I ever seek to be rewarded for doing the wrong thing? Sure I do.

1. Anytime I gossip to one friend about another, I'm hoping to **win** their deeper friendship (i.e. "Look what I would share with you, about him/her")

III. **DAVID THE ANOINTED KING! (Ch.5)**

A. **DAVID'S CROWNING!** (1-5)

B. Unity came to Israel **not because they had a common enemy, but because they obeyed a common King!**

1. **Read** Ps.78:70-72.

C. They find **3 grounds** by which they acknowledge David's right to kingship:¹

1. **Racial Kinship** - **we are you bone & flesh**(1b). His Israelite pedigree.

2. **Proven Merit** - **you were the one who led Israel out & brought them in**(2a).
You **captained** us in battle; & always to **victory** & never to **defeat**.

3. **Divine Warrant** - **the Lord said to you, you shall shepherd My people Israel & be ruler over Israel**(2b) David was anointed by Jehovah Himself & they knew it

D. Saints, this is the **3-fold grounds** the Lord Jesus has to kingship over **our** lives: **If** in fact we have found **pardon** for **our past**; **peace** w/God; & a **promise** of **good things to come**. And, to have crowned Jesus King over the **entire territory** of our personality.

1. **Jesus' Human Kinship** - In His **incarnation**, He became linked by blood-relationship to each of us. (Heb.2:17) **Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren**. In Him the love of heaven comes to us through a human heart-beat.

2. **Jesus' Proven Merit** - He is the Savior-champion who married our cause & fought our foe, & brought our deliverance from sin.

3. **Jesus' Divine Warrant** - It was said of Him, **The government shall be upon His shoulders**. Rightly He wears the crown & wields the scepter.

¹ J.Sidlow Baxter, Awake My Heart, pg.215.

- E. **DAVID'S CITY!** (6-12)
- F. **Jerusalem** - *a neutral site* for a new capital city, as it was situated *on the border* between Judah & the northern tribes.
1. It also helped Israel fulfill God's command to conquer the Promise Land.
 2. And next week, when the **ark of the covenant** finds its home there. God then causes **His name** to rest there also!
- G. **DAVID'S CHILDREN!** (13-16)
- H. **So why is this placed in here?** Well, just take **Nathan & Solomon**...
1. From the line of **Nathan** came **Mary** the mother of Jesus. (Lk.3)
 2. From the line of **Solomon** came **Joseph**, Mary's husband. (Mt.1)
 - a) Jesus got his **blood line & the legal title** to the throne of David through these 2.
- I. **DAVID'S CONQUESTS!** (17-25)
- J. (20) **Baal Perazim** - Master of breakthroughs.
1. **The Lord has broken through...like a breakthrough of water.**
 - a) Seems to imply that **God** broke the Philistine army in 2, *like flooded water breaking an embankment*, preventing them from uniting & rallying, & sending them in 2 detachments into flight & confusion.
 - b) Like Lk.6:49 **But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.**
 2. **David could not have done it if God had not gone before him.**
 - a) **God** opened the breach like the breach of waters in a dam, which when once opened grows wider and wider.
 - b) The **principal** part of the work was God's doing; **NO**, He did **all!**
 - c) What David did was not worth speaking of; and therefore we say like the Psalmist, **not unto us oh Lord, not unto us, but to Your Name give glory.**
- K. Lessons from **Baal Perazim**:
1. God gets the **credit for Breakthroughs!** - **The Lord has broken...**
 2. God **leads** Breakthroughs! - **...before me**
 3. God is the **Master** of Breakthroughs! - **Baal Perazim.**
 4. God leaves **little gods** in the dust! - **They left their images** (1 Chron14:12 burnt them)
 5. God uses **different** Breakthroughs! - **(23-25)**
 - a) Yesterday's breakthrough is no assurance of today's victory.

6. He did it! - Ps.98:1 Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for **he** has done marvelous things! **His** right hand & **his** holy arm have worked salvation for him
 7. We must acknowledge it! - Ps.50:15 Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and **you shall glorify Me.**
 8. A record should be made for the next generation! - Ps.78:4 We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the **glorious deeds** of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.
 9. The **place** should be distinguished so it will be long remembered! - Is.28:21 For the Lord will rise up **as on** Mount Perazim. [This event 300 yrs later!]
- L. I will surely **assemble** all of you, O Jacob; I will **gather** the remnant of Israel; I will **set them together** like sheep in a fold, **like** a flock in its pasture, a noisy multitude of men. He who **opens the breach** goes up **before them**; they **break through** and pass the gate, going out by it. **Their king** passes on **before them**, the Lord at their head. - Micah 2:12,13
1. Inasmuch as **Jesus** has gone before us, things remain not as they would have been had he never passed that way.
 2. He has conquered **every foe** that obstructed the way.
 3. **Cheer up now you faint-hearted warrior.** Not only has Christ **traveled** the road, **but** he has **slain** your enemies. (From **Spurgeon**, Morn & Eve, Micah 2:13, Aug.24)
 - a) **Do you dread sin?** He has **nailed it** to his cross.
 - b) **Do you fear death?** He has been **the death** of Death.
 - c) **Art you afraid of hell?** He has **barred it** against the entrance of any of his children; they shall **never see** the gulf of perdition.
 - d) Whatever foes may be before the Christian, they are all **overcome!**
 - (1) **There are lions, but** their teeth are broken;
There are serpents, but their fangs are extracted;
There are rivers, but they are bridged & passable;
There are flames, but we wear that matchless garment which renders us invulnerable to fire.
 - (2) The **sword** that has been forged against us is already blunted;
The instruments of war which the enemy is preparing have already lost their point.
 4. Saints, God will go before you. God will make the breach. God will continue to be the Master of Breakthroughs!

M. Where do you need **God** to be *Baal Perazim* in your life this week?

1. Do you need Him to do a breakthrough on your **marriage**?

A breakthrough on one of your **children**? One of your **Grandchildren**?

A breakthrough at **work**? A breakthrough at **school**? A breakthrough on a **nasty habit**? A breakthrough on developing a **good habit**?

A breakthrough on a **sexual sin**? A breakthrough on **kicking some drug**?

A breakthrough on a **hidden sin**? A breakthrough on some **spiritual attack**?

A breakthrough with your **neighbor**? A breakthrough on **your own heart**?

N. Where has He **already** broken though this last week?

1. I had a wonderful breakthrough with an old friend. *Can you thank Him for that?*