

I Just Can't Wait to be King

I. Slide1 **Announce:**

A. **Prayer:** *all things are written for our instruction.* 1 Cor.10:1-13

II. Slide2 **Intro:**

A. I planted a number of Christmas trees over the years in my yard...I've almost gotten rid of most. I realized I love them in the mountains...*but* I hate them in my yard. **Why?** because their very **acidic**.

1. Pine trees grow best in **acid** soil. As the tree develops it begins to create its own environment. Maturing needles drop to the ground, where their slow decay **adds acid to the soil**. Soon **grass** beneath them dies **and shrubs** become stunted.

a) **Slide3** The writer of Proverbs knew that **persons**, like **trees**, need a favorable environment in order to thrive. *Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.* Prov.13:20

b) **Or**, *bad company corrupts good character.* 1 Cor.15:33

B. **Practical Application:** The Book of Kings has many lessons for believers.

1. We see a warning about *the company we keep*, and especially in regard to close associations **and** marriage.
2. The kings of Israel who, like Solomon, married foreign women exposed themselves **and** the people they ruled to evil.
3. As believers in Christ, we must be very careful about whom we choose as *friends, business associates, and spouses*. *Bad company corrupts good character.* 1 Cor.15:33

III. Slide4 **CULMINATION (1-4) of David's life/reign**

A. (1) David a skilled warrior & a man after God's own heart is now about 70 years old (971bc). **Reigned 40 years, 7 in Hebron, 33 in Jerusalem.**

B. **Slide5** (2-4) **What do you think of David's living hot water bottle? Warming up the king.**

1. Not sexual...simply Solomon's philosophy of Eccl.4:11 *if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone?*

IV. Slide6 **CONSPIRACY (5-10) of Adonijah**

- A. *The Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses.* Daniel 5:21
1. Have you ever been in a place where someone wanted your job/position?
 - a) Maybe you *uncovered a scheme* to take over your business.
 - b) Maybe someone *bad mouthing* you to the boss because they wanted your position.
 2. In some parts of the world, power struggles result in *assassinations, bloody coups, or civil wars*. We see power struggles in **politics** all the time. They also occur in *neighborhoods, families, and even in churches*.
 - a) We embark on a story of a son who thought **he** should be king.
- B. (5,6) **Adonijah** was the oldest, since Absalom was dead.
1. Adonijah hoped to take advantage of the *growing power vacuum* in Israel. **Just like** his half-brother **Absalom** had done before him.
 2. And like Absalom, and Adonijah was **handsome, popular, and proud**.
- C. Slide7,8 *I will be king* - 1st reminds me of the song in Lion King by Simba, *Oh, I just can't wait to be king*. **But** it also sounds like another boast that ended in judgment.
1. Is.14:12-15 - *i.e.* Lucifer, *I will exalt my throne above the stars of God*.
- D. Slide8b By going on a *royal procession* throughout the city, this was a **formal declaration** of his **kingship**. (think, Jesus triumphal entry)
- E. (7) Foolishly, **Joab** and **Abiathar** joined Adonijah and opposed God's man, Solomon, and they paid for it. [Ex.23:2 *you shall not follow a crowd to do evil*]
- F. Slide9 (9) **En Rogel** - a spring so of Jerusalem in the Kidron Valley. [**border** Judah/Benj.]
1. Remember **Gihon spring**, we'll talk about that later.
- G. (10) Sometimes it's a compliment to **not** be invited to some parties! :)
- H. *1 of the points of 1 Kings is to show man's inability to rule himself & the world.*

1. Adonijah would have *learned so much* if he would have sought God on this.
2. He would have realized, *the most powerful position on earth is kneeling before the Lord of the universe.*

V. Slide10a **COUNTERPLOT (11-27) By Nathan**

- A. Yes the same **Nathan** that brought *the piercing arrow from the Divine bow*. [*thou art the man*]
- B. (11-27) Sometimes leaders must be led, and Nathan and Bathsheba did it wisely.
 1. Slide10b David had *given up the sword* (2 Sam.21:15-17) *and now* he must *give up the scepter*.
 2. Wise is the leader who knows when to step aside.
- C. Slide10c From one perspective, the fate of the Davidic kingdom hinged on **Nathan**; God seemed out of sight. *But* as we often find in Scripture, *when God is not out in the open, He is often working behind the scenes.*

VI. Slide11a **COMMANDS (28-37) by David**

- A. Actually in playing card the king of *spades* = David. *The suit of spades means swords from the Italian spada, represents that of Goliath.*
- B. Slide11b (28) Although **David's body** was frail, **his mind** remained alert, *and his spirit* strong & resolute.
- C. (31) **Bowed** - *Nose to the ground*. (only used twice)
- D. (32) Because **Nathan** supported the kingship of Solomon, we can be sure that Solomon was also God's choice for king.
- E. (33) **Gihon** - a spring outside eastern wall of Jerusalem in the Kidron Valley.
- F. (34) **Horn/shofar** - used to warn, it was a signaling device (to warn of enemies) not an instrument.
- G. (37) Solomon must ride on David's own **mule** (33), be attended by the **royal bodyguard** (38), and be anointed by **priests** and **prophet** (34).

VII. Slide12 **CROWNING (38-40) by Zadok**

- A. **Solomon/shlomo** - peace, God is peace.

- B. **Slide13** (40) Because of the natural topography, the jubilant sound of the coronation echoed down the valley to Adonijah, who was just finishing his own coronation fees at En-rogel. (here Gihon)

VIII. **Slide14a COMPASSION (38-40) by Solomon**

- A. (47) **The king worshiped on the bed** - despite being bedridden, David still showed gratitude.
- B. (48) David decided that the only way to ensure that Solomon would become king after his death was to make co-regent.
1. **Slide14b One to sit on my throne** - from God's promise to David, back in 2 Sam.7:12 *I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.*
- C. **Slide15** (50) **Took hold of the horns of the altar** - Exodus 29:12 the Mosaic law stipulated that the blood of sacrificial animals was to be rubbed on these horns to symbolize personal atonement for sin.
1. Adonijah fled to the altar for **safety**, not for **sanctity**.
 - a) **Religion** was something he used only for *personal profit*, like some insincere people today, do the same.
- D. **Slide16** (52,53) Solomon was crowned king, and his first act was one of **mercy**.
1. Solomon showed himself to be **gracious**, but what he most needed was **wisdom**.
- E. The tidings of this glad event carry **comfort and joy** into the hearts of all **loyal citizens**, but **dismay** into the hearts of **traitors**.
1. *To the one a savor of life unto life, to others of death unto death.*
 2. Just like Jesus' Triumphal entry we talked about Sunday.
- F. Perhaps you are tempted to look at the world around you and despair that all seems moving toward godlessness.
1. **Slide17** Let the message of tonight's passage remind you that **God is still in control** (all the time).

2. That no act of prayerful and godly faithfulness goes unused in the promise of God's kingdom.
 - a) Slide18 Pray the Lord's Prayer today, focusing especially upon the first 3 petitions: *that* God would be honored, *that* His kingdom would come, *and that* His will would be done in your life and in the world.

G. Favorite character in our story tonight & why?

H. What else stands out to you?

I. What do we learn about **God** from this?