

2 Samuel 2:1-32

Do You Inquire of the Lord

How do you decide what you should do in life?

How do you decide how you should work through a problem?

Do you seek the Lord in prayer in the big stuff and the small stuff in life?

Prov 1:1-7 The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel: 2 To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, 3 to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; 4 to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth— 5 Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance, 6 to understand a proverb and a saying, the words of the wise and their riddles. 7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Vs 1-7 Saul seemed to make decisions on his own. David inquires of the Lord for direction. Their differences in leadership styles have already been seen.

As Christians, we must submit to God, obey God, and seek out God's wisdom in life. He is all knowing and loves us. We should listen to Him.

What do you need to ask God about now for direction? Where are you going? What are you doing? What does God want in your life?

Prov 2:1-8 My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, 2 making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; 3 yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, 4 if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, 5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; 7 he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk in integrity, 8 guarding the paths of justice and watching over the way of his saints.

God answered David's prayer. God is a God of clarity, not confusion. He will help when you seek Him.

David did not understand and asked God to be more specific. God told him to go to Hebron.

When David knew what God wanted, he went.

Do you obey? Do you know what God wants, but you make excuses, don't trust, or seek after sin anyway?

Though David had many wives, the Bible does not advocate for this. In fact, David and his son Solomon suffered and displeased God because of their focus on women.

There is generational sin. Our kids will often imitate the good or bad of their mother and father. If you raise up your kids to live for the Lord and honor Him, and you model that for them, they will oftentimes live for Him and teach their kids to honor God.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.

Prophecy came true! God said David would be the king and now he is.

David blessed those who did right by Saul.

We should encourage others when they do right. We should give praise and blessing to others when they honor the Lord. Do you bless others in words or prayers when they do the right thing?

Vs 8-23 The word of God is very specific. The Bible is the most historically accurate history book ever written. We know who the kings were during this time and we know the direction of their rule.

Jesus was from the tribe of Judah. Prophecy once again is pointed out to us hundreds of years before Jesus came.

The people of God wanted a king. Each king would let them down. Each king would fall. God chose to send the perfect king through the line of Jesse, David, and the Tribe of Judah. This King will rule forever. Do you follow King Jesus?

There is a struggle for power between David and Ish-bosheth, Saul's youngest. David will grow more and more powerful because God blessed Him.

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Asahel is one of David's mighty warriors.

Abner was an experienced warrior.

David lost 20 of his good fighting men.

Abner lost 360 men.

Which team are you on right now?

David was told by God to go. The battle was fierce. God would bless and deliver David and make him victorious.

Are you seeking the Lord or this world?

Is Jesus your Master and King? Do you know Him?

In what areas of your life are you battling now? Are you asking the Lord what you should do? Do you obey the Lord?

In what area of your life has God told you what to do? Are you obeying?

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