

## 2 Samuel 8:1-18

### The Lord gave Victory to David Wherever He Went

**Vs 1-2** God tells David that He was going to bless David's house and line. Jesus comes from this line.

God blessed David and once again David was victorious in battle against the Philistines.

God leads His people. God blesses His people. God and His people will be victorious.

Chapter 8 will show us how God blesses David and the Israelites. This chapter shows us David's victories with God's help.

**With God's blessings David defeats:**

- **The Philistines**
- **The Transjordan nations of Moab and Ammon**
- **He will be victorious through the Syrian countries**
- **He will win battles all the way to the Euphrates.**

**What enemies do you have now? Do you ask the Lord to give you protection, victory, and blessing? God can help you defeat your enemies now and for the rest of your life.**

**Vs 3-8** God's blessing came true and David was being victorious. The emphasis was on God's help and blessing, not on David's skill.

**Is there an area in your life now where God has skilled you that you are taking credit? We must give glory to God for what we have and what we do. We must not rob God of His glory.**

David took a small group of chariots for his army. It is not known why he hamstringed the horses. It might have been because he did not want them used against him later; or, it might have been because he took God's commands in scripture to not take too many horses for himself; or, it might have been because God did not want him to return to pagan areas. Scripture, however, does not tell us.

**Deuteronomy 17:16** *Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the Lord has said to you, 'You shall never return that way again.'*

**Joshua 11:6-9** *And the Lord said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them, for tomorrow at this time I will give over all of them, slain, to Israel. You shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire." 7 So Joshua and all his warriors came suddenly against them by the waters of Merom and fell upon them. 8 And the Lord gave them into the hand of Israel, who struck them and chased them as far as Great Sidon and Misrephoth-maim, and eastward as far as the Valley of Mizpeh. And they struck them until he left none remaining. 9 And Joshua did to them just as the Lord said to him: he hamstringed their horses and burned their chariots with fire.*

These were not small victories. God was with David and God's people were prospering.

Saul lost battles, because Saul wanted all the glory.

David sought after God and David turned his people to God; therefore, God gave them favor and victory.

**In what area(s) of your life are you seeking after the world and your own glory instead of seeking after God? Do you think God would help and bless you more if you turned everything over to Him?**

Vs 9-12 Toi, King of Hamath sent valuable items to David instead of fighting David. This made a friend of David and it kept him from suffering defeat.

David took all of this to care for him and his people, but David constantly gave glory to God for the victories. David dedicated all the gold and silver to the Lord. He knew it came from God's blessing. He knew it belonged to the Lord.

**Do you know that all that you have comes from the Lord? Do you give a portion back to the Lord out of thankfulness? Do you hold on to all that you have or do you know that everything you have comes from the Lord so you give at least 10% back?**

God helps and blesses His people, but it is our responsibility to know it is from the Lord and to use it to honor God and help others.

**Malachi 3:6-12**

**Robbing God**

*"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. 7 From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, 'How shall we return?' 8 Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, 'How have we robbed you?' In your tithes and contributions. 9 You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. 10 Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. 11 I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the Lord of hosts. 12 Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.*

Vs 13-14 God kept blessing David as He promised. God kept giving David victories.

**Vs 15-18 Do you serve God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Do you live for God, submit to God, and serve God through faith in Jesus? Do you listen to God? Right now, are you living for God or yourself? If you live for God, and follow His ways, He will bless you now and for eternity.**

David ruled as God's king. David was just. David treated people equally. Because of this, God blessed David and he was a good and victorious king.

**The last line said that David's sons were priests. David was successful but he lived for God. David's kids loved God and served God.**

**Are you raising your kids to love and serve God?**

**James 1:22-25** *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.*