

BOOK OF 1 KINGS
THE END OF DAVID'S EARTHLY LIFE-PART 2
1 KINGS 1:7-14

Introduction

Here as we begin the book of 1 Kings, we find David in the December years of his life. The shadows of the grave are getting closer—David is getting older. Notice verse one.

- I. **WE SEE THE AGING OF DAVID! (1:1a)**
 - A. *Some Things In David's Life Took A Physical Toll!*
 - 1. *Years of shepherding.*
 - 2. *Years of conflict and warring.*
 - 3. *Years of being on the run fleeing Saul first and then fleeing his own son Absalom!*
 - B. *Some Things In David's Life Took An Emotional Toll!*
 - 1. *Times Of Guilt And Stress Over Unconfessed Sin!*
 - 2. *Times Of Grief And Stress Over Sin's Consequences!*
- II. **WE SEE THAT AN ATTENDANT IS SOUGHT! (1:1b-4)**
- III. **WE SEE THE AMBITION OF DAVID'S SON, ADONIJAH! (1:5-7, 9)**
 - A. *We See The Folly Of Exalting One's Self!*
 - B. *We See The Failure to Properly Discipline One's Children Leads to Problems!*

IV. WE SEE ONE SELF-SEEKER BEING HELPED BY TWO OTHER SELF-SEEKERS! (1:7-10)

We're going to see how all this self-seeking is not going to end well!

That's true in Adonijah's case, but I also want you to notice here how Joab, the captain of David's host, is still **consistently seeking his own self-interests**.

A. Joab The Self-Seeker!

Joab is one who made decisions that were based upon the *"finger in the air to see where the wind is blowing"* mentality!

That will eventually get you into trouble as we shall see later! Joab was attracted to this false king because Joab was flawed in his character!

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He didn't ask nor care what God's will was in this! Joab was ALL about Joab! David is almost dead and he probably viewed Solomon as weak, so he aligns himself with Adonijah!

B. Abiathar The Self-Seeker!

Let me remind you that Abiathar is the one we saw in 1 Samuel 22 who escaped and fled to David in the cave of Adullam when Doeg the Edomite slew his father and 84 other priests for their supposed allegiance to David!

He also went back to Jerusalem with the Ark of the Covenant when David fled from Absalom because David asked Zadok the priest to carry it back with his son Ahimaaz and with Abiathar!

But we see here that as joint high-priest with Zadok, he broke with Zadok and David and conspired to make Adonijah king!

In **vs. 9** it appears here that this group of rebels offered sacrifices of somewhat to possibly try to make the coronation of Adonijah official.

But trying to seal a wrong action with religious ceremonies does not make it approved by God nor can it make it God's will.

Just as labeling something as Christian does not make it Christian, Christlike, or approved by the Lord!

We know that many people who claim to be Christians are not, because they have never truly been born again! Many so-called Churches are filled with religious people who are not born again!

Any activity, entertainment, or relationship with a person that contradicts Bible teaching or principles is not God's will!

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Remember that God will **never ever** lead us to contradict His Word! **NEVER!**

Dating, marrying, or going into business partnerships with unsaved people contradicts God's Word and is **not** the will of God for any Believer!

In the years that I have been in the ministry, I have seen people, who thought they knew better than God on this matter.

They went about things their own way instead of God's way and some have had to bear the consequences of their disobedience for the rest of their lives.

2 Corinthians 6:14—Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

IV. WE SEE THE EXCLUSION OF SOME KEY PEOPLE! (1:10,8)

Here we see that Solomon and his supporters are conveniently left out. Obviously, Adonijah knew that Solomon was the favored one to be on the throne by dear old Dad.

We've seen already that God told David to crown Solomon even before Solomon was born! **(1 Chronicles 22:9,10)**

Also, David had made a promise to Bathsheba about Solomon. **(vs. 17)** There's nothing to indicate here that this was kept a secret from others!

Adonijah, knowing this truth, tried to usurp the throne by proclaiming himself as king. He doesn't invite Solomon to the feast because he would then be bound to protect him by their laws of hospitality.

I want you to note two key points at this juncture.

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1. Just as Adonijah avoided inviting the rightful king to his banquet, many today are guilty of similar things when their attitudes, actions or activities are rebellious, selfish, or sinful.

People know what the Truth of God's Word says about Who is suppose to be King and Lord of their lives! But they want to be King of their life! They want to be the one to call their own shots!

So people grieve the Holy Spirit by their selfishness and stubborn disobedience in their lives—ignoring God's Word and way for them!

2. Don't be surprised if this world does not want you around or shuns you because of Christ's righteousness in your life!

Many unsaved people are not comfortable in the presence of a godly Christian. Some will hate what you stand for or hate the Lord.

John 15:19—If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

That's because our righteous living is a source of conviction!
1 Peter 4:14—If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

You may also be considered a fool or nut!

1 Corinthians 4:10,13—We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honorable, but we are despised. Being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day.

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V. WE SEE THE COUNSEL OF THE PROPHET NATHAN!

(Vs 11-14)

This is a picture of Prayer!

A. Talk To The King!

B. Use The Kings Own Words!

C. Go To The King With Others Going And Agreeing!

**The difference here is that David didn't know what was going on
but our LORD always knows what is going on!**

Conclusion

Are you under stress and guilt from some unconfessed sin—that can possibly affect you physically and cut years off of your life?

Minimize the damage by seeking God's forgiveness!

Are you living for yourself or the Lord? Adonijah was all about self, Joab was all about self, Abiathar became all about himself!

Are you exalting yourself above God's will? Stop before you suffer a terrible fall! Humble yourself before the Lord!

James 4:6—But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

James 4:10—Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

We need to be about the LORD and serving Him! If you are a child of God but you are not already serving the LORD, begin right now!