

THE LAST WORDS OF DAVID

Jesus, Our Morning Light

The Life of David, XXVIII

II Samuel 23:1-7



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INTRODUCTION

I. LOOKING BACK ON DAVID’S REMARKABLE PERSON ~ 23:1-3a

OR, THE KINGDOM IS CERTAIN

A. One to Whom God Spoke (Directly)

B. One Deemed a Prophet (of Sorts)

C. One Son of a Man Named Jesse (a Judahite)

D. One Blessed by God (Raised Up and Anointed)

E. One Sweet Singer of Israel (a Poet and Song-Writer)

*For Further Study: Genesis 49:10; Micah 5:2; I Corinthians 1:26; II Timothy 3:16-17;
I Peter 2:9-10; II Peter 1:21*

II. LOOKING REFLECTIVELY ON DAVID’S GODLY REIGN ~ 23:3b-4

OR, THE KINGDOM IS ATTRACTIVE

For Further Study: Nehemiah 5:15; Isaiah 42:3; Matthew 12:20; Romans 13:1

III. LOOKING BIBLICALLY AT DAVID'S HOUSE ~ 23:5

A. God's Everlasting Covenant Promises

B. Looking forward to David's Heir

For Further Study: II Samuel 7:15; Psalm 21; 23:1; 103:1-5; Matthew 1:1; 26:28; Luke 2:52; 22:20; John 14:1-6; Philippians 2:9-11

CONCLUSION: An Urgent Appeal ~ 23:6-7

OR, THE KINGDOM IS EXCLUSIVE

For Further Study: Isaiah 66:24; Matthew 13:41-42; Hebrews 1:1-2; 2:12-13; Revelation 21:8, 27; 22:15

WHY BELIEVERS SHOULD REST SECURE IN GOD'S COVENANT OF GRACE From John Owen

In a careful study of this passage, the great Puritan theologian John Owen enumerated three reasons why believers should rest secure in God's covenant of grace and thus refuse to trust anything of this world or any merit in ourselves. First, Owen pointed out Who is the Author of this covenant. Sadly, in this life we experience many who break promises and violate oaths. But to whom do we look as the Author of the covenant of grace for salvation? Owen answers: "Why, it is the Rock of Israel, the God of Israel – He hath made it. It is not a covenant that man made with me, nor an angel; but it is a covenant that God hath made with me." Second, David describes it as an "everlasting covenant" (2 Sam. 23:5). Owen comments that it is "everlasting in respect of the beginning of it; it is a covenant that comes from everlasting love, 'I have loved thee with an everlasting love...Therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee' (Jer. 31:3)." Moreover, "it is everlasting in respect of the end of it: it ceases not until it brings the whole person, soul and body, into everlasting glory." Third, Owen teaches the covenant is ordered and sure not only in that the conditions are fulfilled but also as it is sealed by the oath of God and supported by the never-ending intercession of Christ in heaven: "He is made the surety of a better covenant. And He lives forever to make intercession for them that come unto God by Him, and so is able to save the uttermost (Heb. 7:22, 25)."