



THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESENTATION OF

# 2 SAMUEL

[PART 5]

## DAVID AND THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED

*Reading: 2 Samuel 2:1 - 11*

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### **Introduction**

- Although Saul is dead and David's trials are at end, he's left with nothing.
- But that chapter is now closed and a better one is about to be written.
- **NB.** When you've got nothing left but God, you've got enough to start again.
- He's the foundation that turns your set backs into come backs.

### **1 The Kingdom Of David**

- David's kingdom is now established under Divine guidance.
- To the natural eye, however, its not much to write home about.
- A kingdom of only ONE of the 12 tribes.
- Compared to other nations around David, his kingdom was nothing but God was in it.
- Remember the parable Jesus told in [Matthew 13:31/32].
- A tiny mustard seen could grow up to 15 feet and become home for the birds.
- David's '*mustard seed*' kingdom would eventually become a regional superpower.
- David's kingdom is God's kingdom now tucked away in the Judean hills.

### 3 Other Mustard Seeds

- In [Luke 17:21] Jesus said the '*kingdom*' was amongst a few uneducated fishermen.
- After Pentecost it would fill Jerusalem [Acts 5:28] and affect the world [Acts 17:6].
- That tree is still growing today from that tiny mustard seed.
- Consider the '*mustard seed*' that was Whitewell in 1957.
- **NB.** Don't despise the day of small things.

### 3 God Is Not Unmindful

- David learns the men of Jabesh Gilead retrieved the bodies of Saul and his sons at great risk.
- [2:5/6] David remembers them and promises to reward their kindness.
- Good works have no role in us receiving salvation; they are the fruit of our salvation. [Ephesians 2:9/10].
- God will not forget our good works. [Hebrews 6:10].

### 4 The Two Kingdoms

- David's kingdom is established under Divine guidance and is therefore the true kingdom.
- Abner would not '*have David to reign over him*' [Luke 19:14] so he made Ishbosheth king.
- There was the true king (David) and the false king.
- There was the true kingdom and the false kingdom.
- There are 2 kingdoms today, God's and Satan's.
- The citizens of the false kingdom give themselves away by refusing Jesus to reign over them.
- David's kingdom and Ishbosheth's kingdoms would oppose each other for a time.
- God's Kingdom will prevail over Satan's kingdom.

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