



Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1 - 10

Introduction

- Of the 100's of Bible men and women, the Holy Spirit has provided us with more biographical info about David than any other.
- Overlooked by men but not by God. [Psalm 78:70/71] and [Psalm 89:20].
- He was anointed and promised the throne when approx 16.
- He had to wait 14 years for the promise to be fulfilled.
- Saul dies in battle and David is crowned king of Judah when he is 30 years old.
- He reigns over Judah for 7 and ½ years.
- At 37 and ½ [5:3] he is crowned king over all 12 tribes of Israel.
- Reigns for a further 33 years until he dies at 70.

1 God Keeps His Promises

- Key Verses: [Numbers 23:19]. God cannot lie/renege on a promise.
- People renege on promises and fail to keep their word but not our God.
- He made promises to Abraham & Sarah [Genesis 18:10] and kept it.
- He made promises to the Jews and kept them. [Jeremiah 25:11 & 29:10].
- Just because God hasn't kept a promise, that doesn't mean that He won't. [Habakkuk 2:3].
- God has made so many promises to US in His Word.

- Promises to receive us, forgive us, keep us, be with us, never leave us, supply our needs, give us eternal life, a home in His Kingdom etc.
- He's still the 'Way Maker, Miracle Worker and Promise Keeper.'

2 'So David Went On....' [vs 10].

- Consider [2Samuel 2:1] and [1Chronicles 11:9].
- The Christian life is a going on with God.
- Although God's promise was now fulfilled, David was not sitting back or easing off.
- He wanted more. More experiences with God and more conquests for God.
- There is always more to do and more to go for.
- David went on and Israel became a regional super-power.
- Are you going on with God?
- Because David went on he "*became great and the Lord of Hosts was with him.*"

3 David And Israel's Mighty Men

- The parallel passage of our reading is [1 Chronicles 11] which lists David '*mighty men.*'
- The work and expansion of the kingdom was not just down to David.
- David could not have done what he did without the faith, courage and skills of others.
- Like Beniah, Eleazar and Shammah.
- They are rarely mentioned but their contribution was priceless.
- Whitewell has had mighty men and women in the past.
- Who are and where are the mighty men/women of today?
- Could you become one and write your name into Whitewell history?

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