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## INTRODUCTION

The lives of the first three kings of Israel—Saul, David, and Solomon—will be studied in this quarter. The Bible tells clearly the faults as well as the good qualities of every person who appears in its pages, and it is the same with these three men. There is a difference, however, in how these men related to God and to His goodness and mercy.

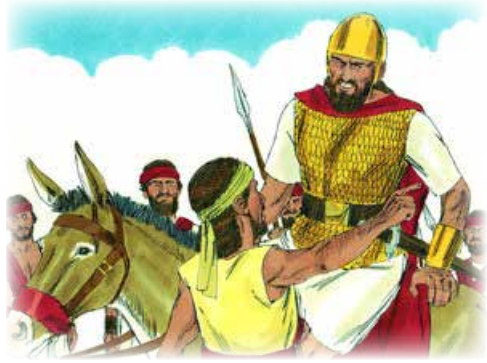
Saul, in his later life, was not willing to obey God and therefore was rejected as king.

David, although he sinned greatly, was willing to repent sincerely and change his life, according to God's plan.

And while Solomon was faithful in his early years, he later turned away from God. Through the influence of many heathen wives, he became involved in idol worship and brought great trouble to Israel because of his mistakes. In his later years, however, Solomon was deeply repentant and did what he could to make things right; but unfortunately the seeds of evil had been planted and increased in the following generations.

From these kings we can learn many lessons of humility, obedience, repentance, wisdom, and love. Read the chapters in *Patriarchs and Prophets* related to what is being studied. This will provide additional insights and blessings.

God bless the children as they grow spiritually.



## Lesson 1

# SAUL, A GREAT LEADER

### READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 SAMUEL 11:1-13.

**MEMORY VERSE:** *“All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord; and shall glorify Thy name.” Psalm 86:9.*

After Saul was chosen to be the king of Israel, Samuel set before the people the rules that would guide the government. The king would have power, but this power was to be held only in accordance with God's will. Most of the people accepted Saul as king, but there were some who did not. They were envious and jealous, so Saul did not immediately take on his authority as king. Not long after that, the Ammonites invaded the territory east of Jordan. The Israelites living there requested their enemies to allow them to have a short time before attacking.

### CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION.

#### 1. How many days' rest did the people request?

- a. 1
- b. 7
- c. 30

The Ammonite king granted their request, thinking that it would make his victory much greater. But the people of Israel used the time to send messengers to the tribes of Jordan, and news of this reached Saul.

**2. How many men gathered on the plain of Bezeah under King Saul's command?**

- a. 50
- b. 100,000
- c. 330,000

Like Gideon, Saul divided his army into three companies and fell upon the Ammonites and their camp. It was early in the morning when their enemies least expected an attack. Because the king was so brave and prompt and because he showed that he could command a large force, the people now honored him as their king.

**3. However, what did the people forget?**

- a. That Saul could not have gone into battle without God's help.
- b. That Elijah fought in the battle also.
- c. That the Ammonite king was not very strong.

The people then wanted to kill anyone who did not acknowledge the authority of Saul.

**4. Write what Saul said to the people. 1 Samuel 11:13.**

Instead of taking credit for himself, Saul gave the glory to God. He did not have a desire for revenge, as did some others, but was compassionate and forgiving.



**TRUE OR FALSE?**

**5. This shows that God's grace was in Saul's heart. T/F**

We, too, must have the grace of God in our hearts. This means to love our enemies as well as our friends and always have a desire to lead them to God.



## Lesson 2

### A BIG MISTAKE

**READING ASSIGNMENT:** 1 SAMUEL 11:14, 15; 13:1-13.

**MEMORY VERSE:** *“Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him:...”*  
*Psalm 37:7.*

Samuel called a meeting at Gilgal where Saul was publicly recognized as king. There they sacrificed peace offerings before the Lord. After this meeting, Saul disbanded the large army and kept only 2,000 men in his command while putting 1,000 men under the command of his son, Jonathan. When it came time to go to war with the Philistines, in the second year of Saul's reign, the people were afraid to meet the huge force of the Philistines.

 **CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION.**

#### 1. Where did the people run to and hide?

- a. Across the Jordan.
- b. Into caves and pits.
- c. Into the palace.
- d. Under wagons.
- e. Among the rocks.
- f. Into the temple.

When Saul was first anointed, Samuel gave him instructions about what to do if there was war.

## 2. What was Samuel going to do when he came?

- a. Offer burnt offerings and sacrifice peace offerings.
- b. Help Saul to fight.
- c. Go to the king and beg for mercy.

Day after day Saul waited for Samuel; but instead of using the time to encourage the people, he became impatient and discouraged himself.



### TRUE OR FALSE?

## 3. Saul tried to prepare the people for the service that Samuel was coming to perform. T/F

The people should have been searching their hearts and repenting of their sins, but instead they put their faith in their earthly king rather than trusting in God to lead and direct them.



### CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER.

## 4. When Samuel did not appear at the exact time expected, what did Saul do?

- a. Went to gather his army.
- b. Offered the sacrifices himself.
- c. Went to find Samuel.

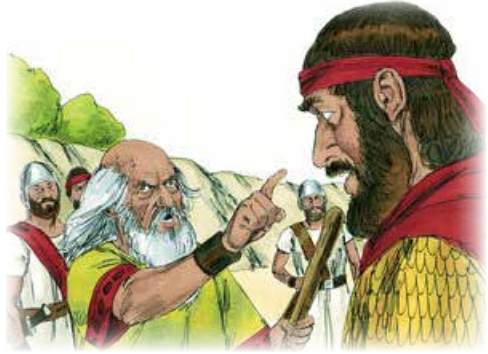
Saul made a terrible mistake in doing that. God had directed that only those who were consecrated to the priesthood should present sacrifices before Him.



### FILL IN THE BLANKS.

5. "... \_\_\_\_\_ hast done \_\_\_\_\_; thou hast not \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ thy God." 1 Samuel 13:13.

If Saul had followed the requirements of God rather than his own will, God would have been able to work through him. This is an important lesson for us; we need to listen for and follow God's will so that He can be in us and work through us.



## Lesson 3

# SAMUEL REBUKES SAUL

### READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 SAMUEL 15:1-26.

**MEMORY VERSE:** *“Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.” 1 Samuel 15:22.*

When Saul was tested at Gilgal, he failed; but the Lord, in His mercy, gave the king another chance. The Lord sent Samuel with another message telling Saul to destroy the Amalekites.

### 1. Was Saul to spare anything that belonged to the Amalekites?

Saul engaged in battle with the Amalekites, who had been so cruel to Israel, and he gained the victory.

### CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER.

### 2. Whom did Saul take as prisoner?

- a. Agag, the king.
- b. The people.
- c. Samuel.

### TRUE OR FALSE?

### 3. He also kept the best of the oxen, fatlings, lambs, and all that was good. T/F

Thus, Saul failed the final test. His disregard for God's will showed his determination to rule by himself, with no help from the Lord. He could not be trusted with royal power. Poor Samuel! He was very grieved. He learned of Saul's great mistake and now had to give a message to him that was very distressing.

 **FILL IN THE BLANKS FROM 1 SAMUEL 15:11.**

4. "It \_\_\_\_\_ Me that I have \_\_\_\_\_ up \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_; for he is \_\_\_\_\_ back from \_\_\_\_\_ Me, and hath \_\_\_\_\_ performed My \_\_\_\_\_."

When Samuel came to Saul, he said, "What have you done? Why didn't you obey the command of the Lord?" Instead of admitting his error, Saul tried to blame the people for what had happened. Samuel knew the king was lying; therefore he pronounced the unchangeable sentence, "Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being king."

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

5. **Saul now admitted his guilt and repented of his sin. T/F**

No, Saul still would not repent. He admitted that he had sinned, but he still blamed the people. It was not sorrow for sin that prompted him to repent but fear of its penalty. Are we sometimes like this? For example, we may not really be sorry for lying or stealing, and we try to blame others because we do not want to be punished. But God wants us to be truly sorry for what we do wrong and to come to Him for forgiveness.

 **UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS OF THE NAMES BELOW.**

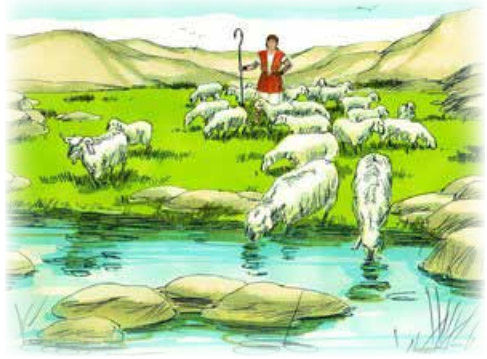
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## Lesson 4

# DAVID, THE SHEPHERD

### READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 SAMUEL 16.

**MEMORY VERSE:** *“Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!” Psalm 107:8.*

David, the son of Jesse, was a shepherd. He spent his time taking care of the sheep and making sure no harm came to them. He was lonely sometimes, so he would sing songs that he wrote himself and play his harp. The Lord had chosen David and was preparing him for a special work. David did not know that he had been chosen to be the next king of Israel. The Lord spoke to Samuel and told him to go to Bethlehem where He had provided a new king. Samuel did not even know whom to look for, but he went willingly.



**CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION.**

### 1. Whom was Samuel sent to see?

- a. Saul
- b. David
- c. Jesse

**2. What was he to take along for a sacrifice?**

- a. Lamb
- b. Heifer
- c. Goat

After Samuel had called Jesse and his sons, an altar was built, and the sacrifice was made ready.

**3. Who was missing from the group?**

- a. David
- b. Samuel
- c. The heifer

When the sacrifice was ended, and before the feast began, Samuel began his inspection of the sons of Jesse.

**4. How many of Jesse's sons were present?**

- a. 3
- b. 5
- c. 7

Eliab, the eldest son, resembled Saul in stature and attractiveness. Surely, thought Samuel, he was the chosen one. But he received no word from the Lord.

**5. Were any of these seven brothers chosen by God?**

Samuel asked Jesse if he had any other sons. Jesse told him about David, and Samuel sent a messenger to tell David that the prophet wanted to see him. When David came, Samuel heard the voice of the Lord.

**6. What did the Lord then say to Samuel? 1 Samuel 16:12.**

David had proven his faithfulness and bravery as a humble shepherd, and now God had chosen him to be a brave and faithful king. Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David, and “the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.” 1 Samuel 16:13.



**DRAW A PICTURE OF SAMUEL ANOINTING DAVID.**



## Lesson 5

# DAVID MEETS THE GIANT

### READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 SAMUEL 17.

**MEMORY VERSE:** *“For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.” Psalm 84:11.*

When Saul finally realized that he had been rejected by God, he was filled with rebellion and despair and was very troubled. His counselors advised him to find someone who could play soothing music to help him feel better.



### CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION.

#### 1. **By God’s leading, who was called to play music for King Saul?**

- a. David
- b. Jesse
- c. Eliab

Whenever David was not needed in the court of Saul, he returned to the hills and worked as a shepherd. David grew in favor with God and men and was instructed in the ways of the Lord. He was known as a strong and courageous man, because when his sheep were in danger he protected them from lions and bears.

When Israel declared war against the Philistines, three of David's brothers went to fight; but David remained at home, because he was still very young. After a while, his father sent him to the Israelite camp.

## 2. Why did Jesse send his son David to the army camp?

- a. He wanted to send a message and gifts to David's brothers.
- b. David wanted to fight the Philistines, too.
- c. There were no more sheep for David to care for.

While David was giving them the message and talking with his brothers, the Philistine champion challenged any Israelite to meet him in battle.

## 3. What was the name of this Philistine champion?

- a. Jonathan
- b. Goliath
- c. Daniel

David told Saul that he would meet the giant's challenge. He said that the Lord had delivered him out of the paws of the lion and bear, and that He would also deliver him out of the hand of the Philistines.

## 4. Write a "D" in front of the weapons that David had, and write a "G" in front of the weapons that the giant carried.

- \_\_\_ Helmet of brass
- \_\_\_ Lance
- \_\_\_ Coat of mail
- \_\_\_ Sling
- \_\_\_ Staff
- \_\_\_ Five stones
- \_\_\_ Scrip (small shepherd's bag)
- \_\_\_ Shield

David met the giant, Goliath, with only a sling and stones for protection. When he threw the stone with the sling, it hit Goliath in the forehead, and the giant fell on his face to the ground. David then took Goliath's sword and cut off his head. The Philistines fled in terror, and the Israelites raised a joyful, triumphant shout.

5. Why do you think David was able to defeat Goliath with only a slingshot when Goliath was so much stronger and had many weapons?



**DRAW A PICTURE OF DAVID FACING GOLIATH.**



## Lesson 6

# DAVID FLEES FROM SAUL

**READING ASSIGNMENT:** 1 SAMUEL 18, 19, 20.

**MEMORY VERSE:** *"A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24.*

After slaying Goliath, David was not permitted by Saul to return home anymore. During this time under Saul's command, David became good friends with Saul's son. They were very close and loved each other like brothers.



**CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER IN EACH QUESTION BELOW.**

- 1. What was the name of Saul's son who became David's good friend?**
  - a. Elijah
  - b. Solomon
  - c. Jonathan

Jonathan and David made an agreement to be brothers. 1 Samuel 18:1 says that "the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul." After a while Saul became jealous of David. Soon his jealousy turned to anger and then to hatred. One day when David was playing and singing, the king tried to kill him by throwing his spear at him.

- 2. Why do you think Saul was so jealous of David?**

Saul was constantly watching for an opportunity to kill David. He even tried to find things wrong in David's character that would cause him to be put to death. But David's life was blameless before God and men.

**3. When Saul's plots failed, what command did he give Jonathan and the officers at the court?**

- a. To put David in prison.
- b. To take David's life.
- c. To send David to a faraway place.

Jonathan told David about the king's plan and told him to hide. While David was hiding, Jonathan would plead his case with Saul to spare his life. The king agreed to spare David, and once again David ministered in Saul's presence. But when a victory in another war against the Philistines was gained by David, Saul's jealousy was stirred up. Again, while David was playing music, the king tried to kill him with a javelin.

**4. Who saved David from being hit by the javelin?**

- a. Samuel
- b. Jonathan
- c. An angel

David fled from the palace to the home of Samuel. There he learned many important lessons. Many times messengers sent by Saul to kill David were overpowered by the Holy Spirit. But Jonathan still could not believe that his father wanted to kill David. When it came time for David to appear at a feast, Jonathan made a plan so he could find out what his father was really thinking.

**5. How many days was David to stay away from the feast?**


- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3

If David's absence did not bother the king, Jonathan would know that it was safe for him to return. However, Saul became very angry when Jonathan told him where David was. In fact, the king threw his spear meant for David at his own son. Jonathan was grief stricken about this and went to meet David. They both cried and cried.

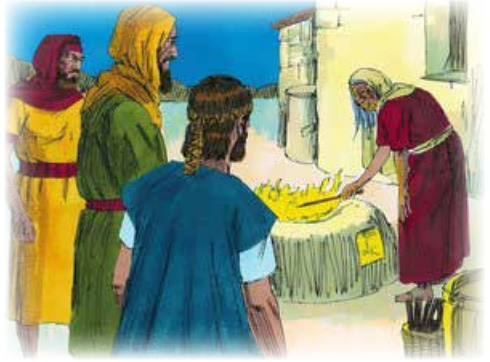
 **FILL IN THE BLANKS FROM 1 SAMUEL 20:42.**

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“Go in \_\_\_\_\_, forasmuch as we have \_\_\_\_\_  
both of us in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, saying,  
The \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ me and thee,  
and \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_ and thy \_\_\_\_\_  
for \_\_\_\_\_.”

 **DRAW A PICTURE OF THE LITTLE BOY WHO CARRIED JONATHAN’S ARROWS.**

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## Lesson 7

# SAUL AND THE SORCERESS

**READING ASSIGNMENT:** 1 SAMUEL 28:1-20; 31:1-6.

**MEMORY VERSE:** *“For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.” Psalm 5:4.*

Once again war was declared by the Philistines against Israel. Saul knew that he had been rejected by the Lord, so he felt alone and defenseless. He looked for some kind of help and guidance.

### **TRUE OR FALSE?**

#### **1. Saul did not receive any guidance from God. T/F**

Because he had gone against God so many times and rejected His will, the king had given up his right to ask God for help. He had rejected the counsel of the prophet, Samuel, and had caused the chosen of God, David, to flee. He had even killed the priests of the Lord.

### **CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION.**

#### **2. Before going into battle, from what source did Saul seek help?**

- a. A sorceress
- b. Wise men
- c. Samuel

(Note: a sorceress is a witch or magician who uses the evil, supernatural powers of devils.)

Going to witches or other such people was forbidden by the Lord, and all who did so were sentenced to death. Saul disguised himself and went to see a witch who lived in Endor.

**3. What message did Saul receive from an evil spirit who pretended to be Samuel?**

- a. That Israel would win the battle.
- b. That Saul could return to the grace of the Lord.
- c. That Israel would be delivered into the hand of the Philistines.

By consulting with the witch, Saul utterly destroyed himself. Since he did not depend on God's strength, he could not lead Israel to victory. When the two armies met, Saul fought desperately for his throne and for his kingdom; but it did not make any difference. He had chosen to go against God's commands, and he could not help himself or his nation.

**4. Who died in the battle besides Saul?**

- a. Three of his sons
- b. The sorceress
- c. David

Saul was unable to escape and did not want to be taken prisoner, so he asked his armor bearer to kill him.



**TRUE OR FALSE?**

**5. When the armor bearer refused, Saul took his own life by falling on his sword. T/F**



**FIND THE FOLLOWING NAMES IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.**

David

Jonathan

Saul

Samuel

Jesse

Goliath

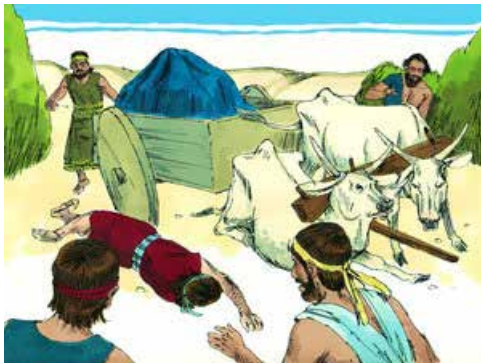
Eliab

Israel





## Lesson 8



# DAVID AND THE ARK OF GOD

**READING ASSIGNMENT:** 2 SAMUEL 1:17, 19-27; 2:1-4; 6:1-18.

**MEMORY VERSE:** *"Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord." Psalm 113:1.*

When David learned of the deaths of Saul and Jonathan, he was grief stricken; but he knew that now it would be safe for him to return to his own land. He asked the Lord, "Whither shall I go up?" The Lord told him to go to the city of Hebron. David and his followers prepared to obey the instructions given by God.

 **CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION.**

**1. How many people went to Hebron with David? [CHECK THIS]**

- a. An army of 10,000.
- b. 600 armed men with their wives and children.
- c. Only David's brothers.

The men of Judah were waiting to welcome David and the others as soon as they entered the city. Arrangements were made to crown David king of Israel.

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

**2. One of the first things that David did was to tell the people how sad he was about the deaths of Saul and Jonathan.**



**CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION.**

When David was firmly established as king, he proceeded to accomplish his long-cherished desire.

**3. What did David want to do?**

- a. Move the ark of God to Jerusalem.
- b. Build a new army.
- c. Build a palace to live in.

The ark was placed on a new cart pulled by oxen. The two sons of Abinidab were in charge of its care. The men of Israel followed and sang songs. All of a sudden, the oxen stumbled and the cart began to tip. To steady the ark, Uzzah, who was walking beside it, reached out to touch it.

**4. What happened to Uzzah when he did this?**

- a. Nothing.
- b. He disappeared.
- c. He died.

God was angry with Uzzah, for He had commanded for centuries that only the priests should touch the ark. The way that the Lord dealt with Uzzah showed Israel the importance of obeying His commands carefully, for they are holy. The moving of the ark was immediately halted.

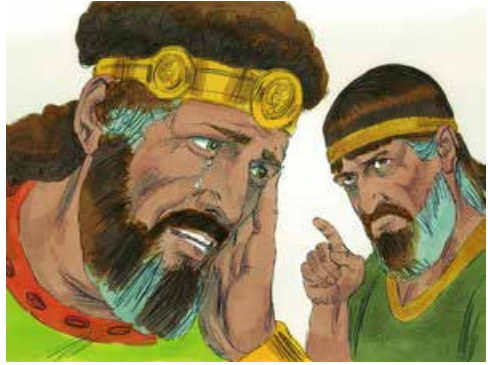
**5. How long did David wait before trying to move the ark again?**

- a. One week.
- b. One month.
- c. One year.

David now took special care to be sure that all of God's directions were strictly followed. It was a triumphant procession that entered the city. This lesson shows the importance of keeping God's commandments exactly. The Bible says that if we break one commandment, it is the same as if we had broken all of them. Let us pray earnestly, give our hearts to Jesus, and live according to His will.



## Lesson 9



# DAVID'S SIN AND REPENTANCE

**READING ASSIGNMENT:** 2 SAMUEL 11:1-15; 12:1-13.

**MEMORY VERSE:** *"The Lord redeemeth the soul of His servants: and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate." Psalm 34:22.*

As was the custom in those days, David had many wives and many children. But unfortunately Satan could tempt him, because he lost sight of what he should be doing for God and was not content with what he had. While the army was away at Rabbah, David fell into temptation and committed adultery with the wife of one of his bravest, most faithful soldiers.



**CIRCLE THE LETTERS OF THE CORRECT ANSWERS FOR THIS QUESTION.**

### 1. What were the names of the soldier and his wife?

- a. Absalom
- d. Joab
- b. Naomi
- e. Bathsheba
- c. Uriah
- f. Hannah

Earlier in his life, David had always put his trust in God's will; but now he went his own way. He exalted himself and began to trust his own ideas and talents. After he sinned, he created a plan so that Uriah would be killed in battle and Bathsheba would be free to become the king's wife.



## FILL IN THE BLANKS.

### 2. What message did David send to his general, Joab?

“Set ye \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ battle, and \_\_\_\_\_ ye from \_\_\_\_\_, that he may be \_\_\_\_\_, and die.”

2 Samuel 11:15.

David greatly dishonored the Lord and misrepresented His character. But God, in His mercy, had a plan to help David to return to Him.



## CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER.

### 3. What prophet did God send to speak with David about his actions?

- a. Joab
- b. Absalom
- c. Nathan

The prophet delivered a message of rebuke to David, and his heart was touched. He realized his terrible guilt and was ashamed of his sin. He was very sorry.



## TRUE OR FALSE?

### 4. David said, “I have sinned against the Lord.” T/F

### 5. Which was greater—David’s sin against Uriah, or his sin against God?

A great change came about because of what David had done. He felt humbled and knew that his influence with the people was weakened. He wrote a song to be sung to all the people, telling of his sin, repentance, and hope of forgiveness through God’s mercy. Although David had fallen, the Lord lifted him up. In his joy, he sang this song:

*"I acknowledged my sin unto Thee,  
and mine iniquity have I not hid.  
I said, I will confess my transgressions  
unto the Lord; and Thou forgavest  
the iniquity of my sin.*

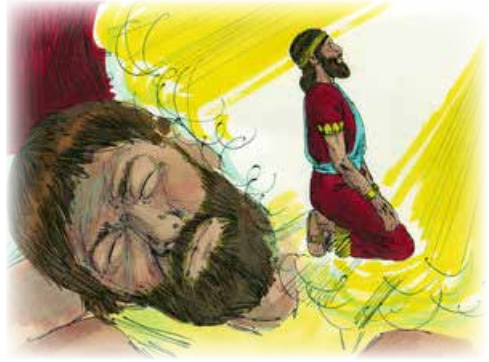
*For this shall every one that is godly pray  
unto Thee in a time when Thou mayest be found:  
surely in the floods of great waters  
they shall not come nigh unto him.*

*Thou art my hiding place;  
Thou shalt preserve me from trouble;  
Thou shalt compass me about  
with songs of  
deliverance." Psalm 32:5-7.*

When we sin, the Lord will forgive us if we are truly sorry and ask for forgiveness. If we accept God's promises, we will find pardon, for the Lord never turns away a repentant sinner. However, every wrong thing has consequences of some kind, and we must accept them and learn our lessons so we will not dishonor God and hurt others again.

Even though the baby born through adultery to David and Bathsheba died, later God blessed them with a son named Solomon.





## Lesson 10

# SOLOMON'S PRAYER

*"Thou hast shewed unto Thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before Thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with Thee; and Thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that Thou hast given him a son to sit on the throne, as it is this day. And now, O Lord my God, Thou hast made Thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in. And Thy servant is in the midst of Thy people which Thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore Thy servant an understanding heart to judge Thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this Thy so great a people?" 1 Kings 3:6-9.*

### **READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 KINGS 3:5-14; 4:29-32.**

**MEMORY VERSE:** *"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding." Proverbs 3:13.*

Solomon was the son of David. He was anointed the king of Israel after his father. During the reigns of David and Solomon, Israel became a strong nation, and the church of God prospered. David taught his son not only to be a good king but also to be a good, strong man and a teacher of righteousness.

### **📖 FILL IN THE BLANKS FROM 2 SAMUEL 23:3.**

#### **1. What did David say about those who rule over others?**

"\_\_\_\_\_ that ruleth over \_\_\_\_\_ must be \_\_\_\_\_, ruling in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

In his youth, Solomon followed God's commandments with strict obedience. One night the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Ask what I shall give thee."

**2. Circle the letters of all those things that Solomon asked for.**

- a. Riches
- d. Honor
- b. Understanding
- e. Knowledge
- c. Wisdom
- f. Long life

The Lord was pleased with Solomon because he was not selfish. He asked only for the things that would give him the ability to help others.



**CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION.**

**3. What promise did the Lord make to Solomon?**

- a. That his life would be longer.
- b. That he would get many riches.
- c. That he would have many servants.

For many years, Solomon lived his life in devotion to God, with uprightness and according to Heaven's principles. He managed the business matters of the kingdom wisely. He won the loyalty of the people and was admired by the rulers of foreign lands. His wisdom was known far and wide, and he used it to bring honor to the name of God. That was what made him great.

**4. How many proverbs did Solomon create? (Note: A proverb is a wise saying).**

- a. 3,000
- b. 100
- c. 60
- d. 1,005

**5. How many songs did he write?**

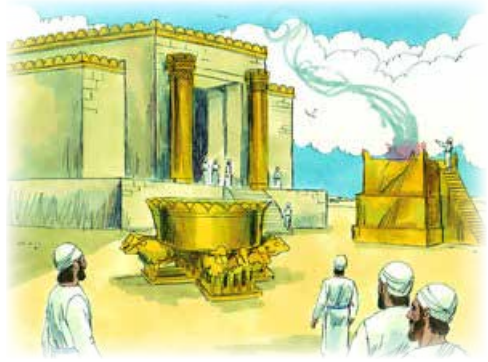
a. 1,005

b. 522

Solomon studied to learn more and more about God. He studied nature—animals, plants, birds, and anything else that would help him to have a better understanding of God.



**DRAW A PICTURE OF SOMETHING IN NATURE THAT YOU LOVE AND THAT YOU THINK SOLOMON WOULD HAVE LOVED, TOO.**



## Lesson 11

# GOD'S TEMPLE

**READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 KINGS 6:1; 7:13, 14, 51; 8:1, 2, 8, 9, 59-66**

**MEMORY VERSE:** *"But the Lord is in His holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him."* Habakkuk 2:20.

Solomon carried out David's long-cherished plan. For seven years, there was lots of building activity in and around the city of Jerusalem.



**CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION.**

- 1. What plan was being carried out in all of the building activities?**
  - a. Finding a new king.
  - b. Building the temple.
  - c. Getting ready for war.
- 2. For whom was the temple being built?**
  - a. The Lord
  - b. David
  - c. Solomon

Thousands of people worked to build a house for the Lord. There were men who worked with gold and silver, masons, furniture makers, and those who were skillful in working with cloth.

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

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**3. The builders worked under the leadership of a man named Hiram of Tyre. T/F**

The temple was like a huge palace, garnished with precious stones, and surrounded by large courts with magnificent entryways. The walls were lined with carved cedar and burnished gold. Inside were embroidered hangings and rich furnishings.

 **DRAW A PICTURE OF WHAT YOU IMAGINE THE TEMPLE THAT SOLOMON BUILT FOR GOD MIGHT HAVE LOOKED LIKE.**

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At last the temple was completed. Now it was time for it to be dedicated to the service of the Lord.

 **CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION.**

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**4. What did the ark of the covenant contain that was so important?**

- a. Altar of incense
- b. Candlestick
- c. Ten Commandment tablets

**4. In what month was the temple dedicated to God and His service?**

- a. First
- b. Seventh
- c. Twelfth

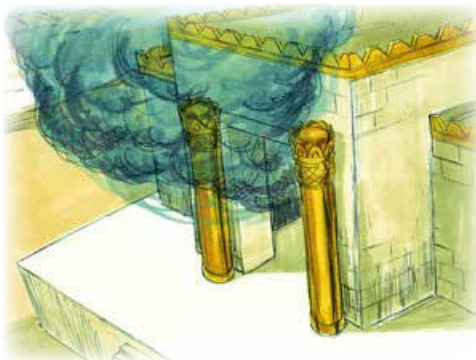
At the appointed time, Solomon, the elders of Israel, and many representatives from foreign nations assembled at the temple. Now the ark was brought. The king followed the example of his father, David, and made a sacrifice every six paces, as God had directed. With singing, music, and great ceremony, the ark of the covenant was carried into the Most Holy Place.

As the ceremony progressed and the people lifted their voices in praise, the temple was filled with a cloud. Solomon recognized this as the glory of God. Solomon then blessed the people and dedicated the temple. As he ended his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offerings and sacrifices.

**5. What feast was celebrated at the same time?**

- a. Feast of Passover.
- b. Feast of Nativity
- c. Feast of Tabernacles.

"For seven days the multitudes from every part of the kingdom, from the borders 'of Hamath unto the river of Egypt,' 'a very great congregation,' kept a joyous feast. The week following was spent by the happy throng in observing the Feast of Tabernacles." *—Prophets and Kings*, p. 45.





## Lesson 12

# SOLOMON LEARNS A LESSON

### READING ASSIGNMENT: 1 KINGS 9:1-9.

**MEMORY VERSE:** *"Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon." Isaiah 55:7.*

As long as Solomon obeyed the law of heaven, God guided him and gave him wisdom to rule over Israel fairly and mercifully. For a while, he remained faithful and humble, even though riches and worldly honor were his. Unfortunately Solomon ignored one instruction that was given especially to the one who was anointed king.

### CIRCLE THE LETTER OF THE CORRECT ANSWER FOR EACH QUESTION.

#### 1. What instruction from God did Solomon not follow?

- a. Not to move the ark.
- c. Not to have many wives.
- b. Not to go into battle.

Solomon took a heathen wife, the daughter of Pharaoh, king of Egypt. He believed that by doing this he would strengthen his relations with Egypt. For a while it seemed all right, because his wife was converted and worshipped the true God with him. But Solomon sought to secure for himself still more lands and power. When he did this, he often took heathen princesses to be his wives.

**2. As both Saul and David had unfortunately done before him, in whom did Solomon trust?**

- a. Himself
- b. Other people
- c. God

Solomon fell so deeply into the sin of idolatry that he built altars to heathen gods, but he no longer had any joy in life and no peace of mind. At last the Lord, through a prophet, delivered a message to him. With a thankful spirit, Solomon repented, acknowledging the Lord's blessings and searching love.

 **TRUE OR FALSE?**

**3. Solomon was not sorry for his sin. T/F**

Solomon's later writings show that he realized his wickedness more and more. He confessed that, when he should have worshipped the God who had given him wisdom, he worshipped idols instead. He wrote many things to help young people and all who want to follow the Lord. He was ashamed and truly sorry for what he had done.

**4. Name two other kings we studied about who sinned after they followed their own ideas rather than asking God for guidance.**

**5. Which one of them repented, as Solomon did?**

 **UNSCRAMBLE THE LETTERS TO DISCOVER THE NAMES OF PEOPLE WE HAVE STUDIED ABOUT.**

- a. VIDDA \_\_\_\_\_
- b. HAIRU \_\_\_\_\_
- c. OOMONLS \_\_\_\_\_
- d. ZHAUZ \_\_\_\_\_
- e. SHBHAAET \_\_\_\_\_
- f. OJAB \_\_\_\_\_
- g. ARIHM \_\_\_\_\_
- h. THNNAA \_\_\_\_\_



## Lesson 13

# THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON

Solomon was a wise and great man. When he trusted in God, he was a good leader and king of Israel. In his wisdom, he wrote many important things that are good for everyone to learn and follow.

### 1. What three books of the Bible did Solomon write?

The Bible tells about an example of Solomon's solution to a difficult problem. Two women were fighting over a baby. Each claimed that the baby belonged to her. The king was confused. To figure out which mother was telling the truth, he asked for a sword and then asked for the baby. He acted as if he was going to cut the baby in half and give one half to one mother, and the other half to the second mother. "No!" screamed the real mother. "Then, give the baby to her!" The other woman heartlessly said that the baby should be divided. In this way, Solomon knew who the real mother was. It was the woman who was willing to give the baby up rather than to see him die. Surely Solomon was a wise man!



2. Look up the following verses, where you will find some proverbs that Solomon wrote: Proverbs 11:30; 15:1; 17:22; 20:11; 22:6; 11:13; 3:13; 22:1. Put these proverbs back together below by matching the words in the left column with the correct words in the right column.

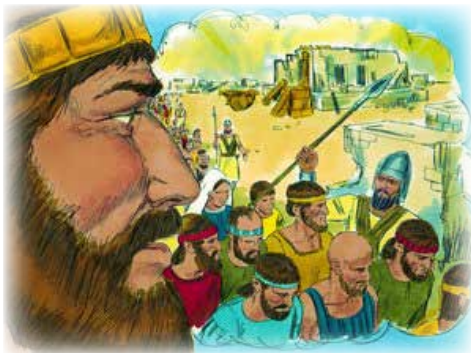
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| 1. He that winneth souls   | a. whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.           |
| 2. A soft answer turneth away wrath:                                   | b. but grievous words stir up anger.                            |
| 3. A merry heart doeth   | c. and when he is old, he will not depart from it.              |
| 4. Even a tittle child is known by his doings                          | d. is wise.   |
| 5. Train up a child in the way he should go                            | e. concealeth the matter.                                       |
| 6. A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit | f. great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold. |
| 7. Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and                            | g. the man that getteth understanding.                          |
| 8. A good name is rather to be chosen than                             | h. good like a medicine.  |



**WRITE DOWN WHAT YOU THINK IS WISE ABOUT EACH OF THE ABOVE PROVERBS.**

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# LESSONS FROM THE KINGS



"In the reigns of David and Solomon, Israel reached the height of her greatness. The promise given to Abraham and repeated through Moses was fulfilled: 'If ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, and to cleave unto Him; then will the Lord drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves. Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea shall your coast be. There shall no man be able to stand before you.' Deuteronomy 11:22-25.

"But in the midst of prosperity lurked danger. The sin of David's later years, though sincerely repented of and sorely punished, emboldened the people in transgression of God's commandments. And Solomon's life, after a morning of so great promise, was darkened with apostasy." —*Education*, pp. 48, 49.

"Had Solomon relied continually on the Lord, had he kept the precepts and commandments enjoined upon him, what a history would have been his! But the unerring pen of inspiration, while it records his virtues, also bears faithful witness to his sad downfall. After a morning of promise and a manhood of integrity, Solomon took a course displeasing to the Lord. He did not continue to walk before God in truth. Raised to the pinnacle of human greatness, and surrounded with the gifts of fortune, he became dizzy. He was extolled by kingly powers for his unsurpassed wisdom, and he could not stand the flattery. Thus the very gift of heaven—the wisdom which was entrusted to him by God, and which should have reflected honor upon the Giver—filled Solomon with pride. He built the temple, and it was a marvel of richness and glory, unequalled by any work of human art. A greater than Solomon was the designer of this building; the wisdom and glory of God stood revealed there; but the honor was diverted from God and given to Solomon....

"Solomon was endowed with wonderful wisdom, but the world drew him away from God. We need to guard our souls with all diligence, lest the cares and attractions of the world absorb the time that should be given to eternal things. God warned Solomon of his danger, and today he warns us not to imperil our souls by affinity with the world, saying, 'Come out from among them, and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean, and I will receive you, and I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.'" —*Signs of the Times*, November 26, 1896.