

Solomon
(The Beginning Reign of Solomon)
1 Kings 1&2
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from the early reign of Solomon.

Intro: 1. David was a man after God's own heart (**1 Sam 13:14**), he wanted Solomon to have the same heart.

I. The New King is Announced

A. David's announcement (1 Kings 1:28-40)

1. David reassures Nathan & Bathsheba that Solomon will be Israel's next King. (**v.28-31**)

2. Solomon is celebrated as the new King (**v.32-40**)

B. Adonijah is afraid (1 Kings 1:41-53)

1. Adonijah was the 4th son of David and a rival for Solomon's throne.

2. When he hears of Solomon being the new King he runs (**v.46-49**)

3. Adonijah was afraid (**v.50-51**)

4. Solomon says he will only kill the wicked (**v.52-53**)

II. David's advice to Solomon (1 Kings 2)

A. Fatherly advice (v.1-12)

1. David's reminder to obey the Lord (**v.1-4**)

2. David leaves instructions for Solomon (**v.5-9**)

3. David dies, is buried and Solomon becomes king (**v.10-12**).

B. The new king is tested (v.13-46)

1. Adonijah comes with a request but only admitting he feels robbed (**v.15-17**)

2. Solomon has Adonijah killed, no doubt upset at his requests and possibly sensing future problems coming from him. (**v.22-25**)

a. Others were punished for the disobedience as well (v.26-41).

2. Shimei is told by Solomon not to leave the city, three years later he leaves to retrieve runaway slaves, when he returns, Solomon executes him because of his disobedience (**v.42-46**)

III. Lessons for us today.

A. Obedience to God is what families should be built upon (1 Kings 2:3-4)

1. David gives wise advice to follow God (**v.3**)

2. David reminded Solomon that blessings come from being obedient to God (**v.4**)

a. Nothing has changed today, blessings come from following God faithfully.

B. We must be subject to the leaders God has put in place (**1 Kings 1:30**)

1. God has decided has the church today is governed, by elders and godly men.

2. It is unbiblical to rebel against godly leadership.

Application & Conclusion:

1. We still have much to learn about Solomon, but we know in his early reign he seemed to want to follow God.
2. Let us be aware of our obligation to follow leaders that God has put in place.
 - a. We can do this today by following God's standard for godly leadership.
2. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9