

Worksheet 5

King David

Answer Sheet

When the Israelites asked Samuel to appoint a king over them, what warning did Samuel give?

- Samuel warned that an earthly king would place heavy demands on the people.
- He said the king would take their sons and:
 - assign them to his chariots and cavalry
 - make them run before his chariots
 - appoint them for military service
 - put them to work plowing his fields, reaping his harvest, and making his weapons and chariots
- He also said the king would take their daughters to serve as:
 - perfumers
 - cooks
 - bakers
- In addition, the king would:
 - take the best of their fields, vineyards, and olive orchards
 - take a tenth of their grain and vineyards
 - take their servants and livestock for his own use
- Samuel's point was that Israel's desire for a king would lead to burdens and a loss of freedom under human rule.

Why did the people still insist on having a king?

- The people insisted because they wanted to be like the other nations.
- They wanted a king to judge them, lead them, and fight their battles.
- Their request showed a lack of trust in the Lord's kingship and providence.
- The problem was not kingship in itself, but their desire to place their security in human power rather than in God.

Why was the young David confident that he could defeat Goliath?

- David had already defended his father's sheep against lions and bears.
- These experiences taught him courage and dependence on God.
- More importantly, David trusted that the Lord would deliver him, just as He had done before.
- David said:
 - "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."
- David's confidence came not from his own strength, but from faith in the Lord.

What did King David want to build for the Lord, and how did the Lord respond?

- David wanted to build a house for the Lord, meaning a temple.
- Through the prophet Nathan, the Lord told David that David would not be the one to build that house.
- Instead, the Lord promised that He would build a “house” for David, meaning a royal dynasty.
- God promised that David’s descendants would reign after him, and that his kingdom would ultimately be established forever.
- This promise is called the **Davidic Covenant**.
- It does not mean every individual Davidic king would be faithful or escape punishment. In fact, sinful kings would be disciplined.
- Its fullest fulfillment is found in Jesus Christ, the true Son of David, whose kingdom has no end.
- This covenant builds on God’s earlier covenants and deepens Israel’s hope for the Messiah.

What was David’s sin, and what resulted from it? How did David respond?

- David committed adultery with Bathsheba, who was the wife of Uriah.
- When Bathsheba became pregnant, David tried to conceal the sin.
- After his efforts failed, he arranged for Uriah to be placed in battle where he would be killed.
- In this way, David became guilty of both adultery and murder.
- The Lord sent the prophet Nathan to confront David.
- When David was rebuked, he admitted his sin and repented.
- As a consequence of David’s sin, the child born from that union became gravely ill and died. David’s household would also suffer great turmoil afterward.
- David responded with prayer, fasting, humiliation, and repentance before the Lord.
- His forgiveness came not because fasting “paid for” the sin, but because God is merciful to the repentant sinner.
- Tradition also associates David’s repentance with Psalm 51, which expresses his sorrow and plea for mercy.
- Afterward, David and Bathsheba had another son, Solomon.