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Rich and poor, we all depend on Jehovah

Summary of 2 Samuel 5: This chapter tells the story of David's anointing of king throughout Israel. After David had been king of Judah in Hebron for seven years, all the tribes of Israel came to Hebron and confessed to him and made him king over all Israel. David accepted this offer and became king over all Israel. He led the Israelites in a siege against the Jebusite fortress, captured the city and renamed it "City of David", which became his capital. David's nation grew stronger, and he was blessed by God to become one of the greatest kings in Israel's history.

【2Samuel 5:19】 "David inquired of the LORD, and said, Shall I go up against the Philistines, and wilt thou deliver them into my hand?" And the LORD said, Go up, and I will deliver the Philistines into thy hand. 』』

When strife is weak, the enemy will not pay attention to us, but when unity flourishes, persecution will come.

When David became king of Judah, the Philistines did not confront him, but waited for him to fight against the eleven tribes in the north. Now that the twelve tribes have anointed David king over Israel (v.17), the Philistines could not sit still and decided to stop David.

The secret of David's ascension to the throne was to obey and trust God, and the secret to sitting on the throne was also to obey and trust God. David has 'grown stronger' (v.10), but instead of fighting with all that he has and what he can, he first 'inquires of the Lord' (v.19), not only in the wilderness but also on the throne.

In the journey of life, wealth and poverty are not the ultimate criterion, but our relationship with God. As Christians, we believe that Jehovah is our Creator and Provider. No matter what circumstances we find ourselves in, we can rely on Jehovah.

Wealth brings material abundance and dignity, but they do not guarantee happiness and security forever. In the midst of abundance, people can lose their way and neglect their trust and

obedience to God. However, when we learn to commit everything to Jehovah, we can experience inner peace and joy even in the midst of abundance.

Poverty may bring material deprivation and hardship in life, but in poverty, we can also find God's grace and strength. In times of poverty, we come to appreciate more deeply that trust in God is the most important thing in our lives. Jehovah does not value our wealth, but rather the state of our hearts, our trust in Him, and our obedience to Him.

Therefore, whether we are rich or poor, we can rely on Jehovah. Prayer is a bridge between us and God, and in prayer we can entrust Him with everything and seek His help and guidance. When our hearts are upset, prayer can help us find inner peace and tranquility, knowing that Jehovah is our strength and shield and that He will never leave us.

Here are some verses from the Bible about trusting in Jehovah:

Psalm 37:5 - "Commit your affairs to the Lord and trust in him, and he will do it." "

Psalm 62:8 - "O people, you have relied on Him and poured out your hearts before Him, for God is our refuge. "

Isaiah 26:4 - "Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord is the everlasting Rock. "

Psalm 118:8 - "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in others;"

Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, not in your own understanding, and in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will direct your paths." "

These verses encourage us to always trust Jehovah in Him and trust Him to lead us on the right path.

## We pray together

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us this opportunity to come to You and pray. We open our hearts before You and bring our requests and thanksgiving to Your throne.

Lord, we ask You to give us power and wisdom to learn to commit everything to You. As we face challenges and difficulties, please give us the confidence to know that You are our provider and protector. Help us not to rely on our own wisdom and ability, but to always look to You for help and guidance.

At the same time, Lord, we are grateful for all Your grace and grace in our lives. Open our eyes so that we can see the blessings and love You give us every day. Let us learn to be thankful in all things, for You are the Source and Guide of our lives.

Lord, may our hearts be filled with thanksgiving and praise at all times, for You are our eternal Lord and Redeemer. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

## 2 Samuel

### CHAPTER 5

2Sa. 5:1 All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood.

2Sa. 5:2 In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd my people Israel, and you shall become their ruler.'"

2Sa. 5:3 When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a compact with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. 2Sa. 5:4 David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned for forty years.

2Sa. 5:5 In Hebron he reigned over Judah for seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah for thirty-three years.

2Sa. 5:6 The king and his men marched to Jerusalem to attack the Jebusites, who lived there. The Jebusites said to David, "You will not get in here; even the blind and the lame can ward you off." They thought, "David cannot get in here."

2Sa. 5:7 Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion, the City of David.

2Sa. 5:8 On that day, David said, "Anyone who conquers the Jebusites will have to use the water shaft [Or use scaling hooks] to reach those 'lame and blind' who are David's enemies." [Or are hated by David] That is why they say, "The 'blind and lame' will not enter the palace."

2Sa. 5:9 David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the supporting terraces [Or the Millo] inward.

2Sa. 5:10 And he became more and more powerful, because the LORD God Almighty was with him.

2Sa. 5:11 Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, along with cedar logs and carpenters and stonemasons, and they built a palace for David.

2Sa. 5:12 And David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

2Sa. 5:13 After he left Hebron, David took more concubines and wives in Jerusalem, and more sons and daughters were born to him.

2Sa. 5:14 These are the names of the children born to him there:

Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, 2Sa. 5:15 Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, 2Sa. 5:16 Elishama, Eliada and Eliphelet.

2Sa. 5:17 When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over Israel, they went up in full force to search for him, but David heard about it and went down to the stronghold.

2Sa. 5:18 Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim;

2Sa. 5:19 so David enquired of the LORD, "Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?" The LORD answered him, "Go, for I will surely hand the Philistines over to you."

2Sa. 5:20 So David went to Baal Perazim, and there he defeated them. He said, "As waters break out, the LORD has broken out against my enemies before me." So that place was called Baal Perazim. [Baal Perazim means the lord who breaks out.]

2Sa. 5:21 The Philistines abandoned their idols there, and David and his men carried them off.

2Sa. 5:22 Once more the Philistines came up and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim;

2Sa. 5:23 so David enquired of the LORD, and he answered, "Do not go straight up, but circle round behind them and attack them in front of the balsam trees.

2Sa. 5:24 As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, move quickly, because that will mean the LORD has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army.”

2Sa. 5:25 So David did as the LORD commanded him, and he struck down the Philistines all the way from Gibeon [Septuagint (see also 1 Chron. 14:16); Hebrew Geba] to Gezer.

Chapter 5 of the book of 2 Samuel describes David's consolidation of his power as the king of Israel. He makes a covenant with the leaders of all the tribes, and they anoint him as king over all of Israel. David then sets out to conquer the city of Jerusalem, which was held by the Jebusites. With the help of his army, David successfully captures the city and makes it his capital, renaming it the "City of David." He then builds up the city's defenses, expands his territory, and wins several decisive battles against the Philistines. David's power and fame continue to spread, and he is recognized as a mighty warrior and a wise ruler.

Here are some important verses from chapter 5 of the book of 2 Samuel:

1. "All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'We are your own flesh and blood.'" (2 Samuel 5:1) - This verse describes how the tribes of Israel came to David and acknowledged him as their king.
2. "In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.'" (2 Samuel 5:2) - This verse references God's promise to David to become king over Israel.
3. "Now Hiram king of Tyre sent envoys to David, along with cedar logs and carpenters and stonemasons, and they built a palace for David." (2 Samuel 5:11) - This verse describes the support and resources that David received from other kingdoms, including Tyre.
4. "David then took up residence in the fortress and called it the City of David. He built up the area around it, from the terraces inward." (2 Samuel 5:9) - This verse describes how David established his capital in Jerusalem, which became known as the City of David.
5. "And David became more and more powerful, because the Lord God Almighty was with him." (2 Samuel 5:10) - This verse highlights the reason for David's success and power - the presence and favor of God.

Overall, chapter 5 of 2 Samuel marks a significant turning point in the story, as David is established as the rightful king over Israel and establishes his capital in Jerusalem. The chapter also emphasizes the support and resources that David received from other kingdoms, as well as the crucial role played by God in his rise to power.

In 2 Samuel Chapter 5, we witness the culmination of David's journey to becoming the undisputed king of Israel. Here are some key reflections from the chapter:

**David's Anointing as King:** In this chapter, all the tribes of Israel come to David at Hebron and anoint him as their king. This marks the fulfillment of God's promise to David and solidifies his position as the rightful ruler over the entire nation. It reflects God's faithfulness in establishing David's kingship.

**The Unity of Israel:** The tribes of Israel unite under David's leadership, recognizing him as their king. This unity is significant as it brings together the northern tribes, which were previously aligned with Saul's house, with the tribe of Judah, which had already acknowledged David as their king. The chapter emphasizes the importance of unity and the power of a united nation.

**David's Military Victories:** Chapter 5 also highlights David's military successes as he leads the armies of Israel against the Philistines. David captures the stronghold of Zion (Jerusalem) and establishes it as his capital city. Through his military prowess and strategic leadership, David expands his territory and consolidates his power.

**God's Presence with David:** The chapter mentions that the Lord was with David and blessed him in his endeavors. It underscores the divine favor and guidance upon David's kingship. David's victories and achievements are attributed to the presence of God with him, reinforcing the notion that his reign is ordained by God.

**Jerusalem as the City of David:** One of the significant outcomes of Chapter 5 is David's conquest of Jerusalem and its establishment as the city of David. This city becomes the religious and political center of the kingdom, and David builds it up and enhances its prominence. Jerusalem holds great significance in biblical history and becomes synonymous with the rule of David and the future site of the Temple.

Overall, 2 Samuel Chapter 5 portrays the anointing of David as king over all of Israel, the unity of the nation under his leadership, his military victories against the Philistines, and the establishment of Jerusalem as the city of David. It highlights the fulfillment of God's promises, the power of unity, and the divine favor upon David's reign. This chapter marks a pivotal moment in David's journey and lays the foundation for a prosperous and influential kingdom.