

God's Anointed King Takes His Throne in Zion

2 Samuel 5:6-16

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Introduction:

Last week we saw how David was, finally, anointed as king over all Israel.

- The tribes other than Judah, although they knew that God had chosen David, tried to set up a rival kingdom. They found, as all do, that they could not stand against the Lord and finally came with gladness to accept David, giving all the reasons that they should:
 - Because he was their flesh and bone,
 - Because he was the one who had clearly led them in victory against their enemies,
 - And because God had chosen him to be their king.
- We saw that David gladly welcomed them and entered into a covenant with them and they with him.
- We considered how all of this points us to our relationship with Jesus and how we resist coming to Him because we know that He will bring us under God's rule.
 - But once we do come, He gladly receives us and makes a covenant with us, and we with Him.

Today in 2 Samuel 5:6-16, we see how God establishes David's throne in Jerusalem which is also called Mount Zion. It is the first time Zion is mentioned, but certainly not the last!

- In the Bible, we are taught that Jesus, the Son of David, is seated at the right hand of God in the Mount Zion that is above, which is also called the New Jerusalem.
 - Before Jesus came and redeemed us from our sins, God's kingdom was made up of Israel who had the promises and the covenants, but after Jesus finished His work on the cross, He was declared to be LORD over the whole world. Then it was necessary that He should have His throne in glory until all of His enemies are made His footstool.
 - Today in David we will see shadows that teach us about the reign of King Jesus, and not only teach us, but that unite our hearts to Him as our king!

Listen now as I read this passage to you from God's holy and infallible word.

2 Samuel 5:6-16: And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who spoke to David, saying, "You shall not come in here; but the blind and the lame will repel you," thinking, "David cannot come in here." ⁷ Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the City of David). ⁸ Now David said on that day, "Whoever climbs up by way of the water shaft and defeats the Jebusites (the lame and the blind, *who are hated by David's soul*), *he shall be chief and captain.*" Therefore they say, "The blind and the lame shall not come into the house." ⁹ Then David dwelt in the stronghold, and

called it the City of David. And David built all around from the Millo and inward. ¹⁰ So David went on and became great, and the LORD God of hosts *was* with him.

¹¹ Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters and masons. And they built David a house. ¹² So David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel. ¹³ And David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he had come from Hebron. Also more sons and daughters were born to David. ¹⁴ Now these *are* the

names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, ¹⁵ Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, ¹⁶ Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.

May God add His blessing to the reading of His word.

I. God's king must take the throne that God appointed for him.

A. God had a place that He had appointed for His king to reign.

1. For David, it was Jerusalem or Mount Zion as it is also called.
 - Now that David was king over all Israel, it was not appropriate for him to have his throne in Hebron where he had reigned over his own tribe of Judah.
 - In case you are not familiar, Israel had 12 tribes, and David's tribe was Judah.
 - Though it does not say it here, we are told in many Psalms that God was the one who chose Jerusalem or Zion as the place for David to reign.
 - It was technically in Benjamin, Saul's tribe, which had been the leading tribe in opposing David and his tribe of Judah.
 - By establishing the royal city and later the temple here, it helped to show that David was there to serve all the tribes.
2. But for Jesus Christ, a throne was needed that would show that He was appointed to reign over all nations.
 - Before Jesus came, God had chosen only the nation of Israel to be His people.
 - He had left the other nations to depart from Him and His salvation, but constantly sent prophets and correction to preserve Israel in the faith.
 - When Jesus came and carried out the work of redemption that God had shadowed with the ceremonies He appointed for Israel,
 - He sent His servants, His Word, and His Spirit out to all the nations to begin bringing them into His righteous kingdom, redeemed as it was by Christ.
 - Jesus was appointed King of all nations, so God established His throne, not in some place on earth, but at His right hand in heaven.
 - The New Testament celebrates that Mt. Zion and the New Jerusalem are not on earth, but in heaven—not in Jerusalem, not in Rome, not in England, but in heaven where Jesus our King is seated.
 - Some day, the churches and nations of the world that are now divided will unite under Him.
 - Many do not acknowledge Him, but He will reign until all are brought under His feet.

B. For God's king to take the throne, certain inhabitants of Mt. Zion had to be dispossessed.

1. For David, it was the Jebusites that had to be removed from Jerusalem.
 - a. The Jebusites were among the nations of Canaan that God had appointed to utter destruction.
 - Some background is needed here.

- Israel had a unique calling. They were called to be God's agents in utterly wiping out all the people in land of Canaan who had turned to idolatry and debauchery. Even though God had restored the world at the great flood so that the only people left to populate the earth were the family of Noah, a godly family that professed faith, the people that came from one of Noah's grandsons (along with many others) had turned away from God over the generations and had become ripe for judgment. God might have sent fire from heaven, a plague, some random nation to defeat them in war, or whatever, but instead He appointed His people Israel to utterly destroy them all. Joshua, the successor of Moses, was their leader in the conquest.
 - God made it clear that it was only by His hand that Israel could be victorious. Jericho, the first city they took, was a great example. God told them to march around the city with the ark of the covenant for seven days and on the seventh, to march around seven times and then blow trumpets. When they did, the walls fell flat. In this and every case, God's judgment called for the complete annihilation of all the inhabitants. The rules for war in His law were quite different. The destruction of Canaan was His divine judgment for their wickedness. Of course, until the LORD open our eyes, we don't think it just for God to do this because we don't think hell is just. But we are not the judge, and being the guilty offenders, we are not suited to determine the punishment we deserve. Only God can determine that. And He is so unwavering about eternal hell being our just punishment that in saving us, He required His own Son to bear the pains of hell for those He appointed to salvation.
- b. In the day of Joshua, Israel had, for the most part, destroyed these nations and taken possession of the land that God gave them to live in as His people.
- They had even burned the city of Jerusalem, but there was a strong fortress with walls that were 18 feet thick called Zion at Jerusalem. The Jebusites were in this fortress, and Israel decided not to bother with wiping them out, so they had remained there from the time of Joshua to the time of David (for about four centuries).
 - David knew that they were one of the seven nations that God had appointed to utter destruction (first mentioned to Abraham in Gen 15), so as soon as he was made king over all Israel, he went to wipe out the Jebusites and establish his throne in Zion.
2. For Christ to ascend to His throne in glory, it meant that Satan had to be cast out of heaven—from the Jerusalem that is above.
- a. We know from Job 1 and that Satan was not cast out when he first rebelled.
- We have him coming to report to God, who asked him, "Have you considered my servant Job?"
 - We see other fallen angels coming to council when the LORD speaks to the angels about judging King Ahab, and one of the demons says that he will be a lying spirit to the false prophets in Ahab's court.
 - These glimpses of heaven are curious, but they show that Satan and his demons were not yet cast out.

- b. Satan was the most powerful of the angels. The other angels could not cast him out until Jesus came (as the Son of Man) to take His seat at the right hand of God.
 - Certainly, God could have cast him out, but we see the angels engaged in battle the same way that we are.
 - God ordinarily works through His creaturely agents rather than apart from them.

II. We see that God's anointed king cannot be kept from his throne in Zion.

A. The enemies of God tried to prevent it, but they cannot.

1. The Jebusites are very cocky when David comes.
 - The fortress was very secure. Its walls were 18 feet thick, it was on a hill, and there was a water supply.
 - They boast that even the blind and the lame among them could repel any attack that David might launch against them.
 - You see that in verse 1 where they say: **"You shall not come in here; but the blind and the lame will repel you."**
 - The next verse says simply, **"Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the city of David)."**
 - He banters back at their comment, calling all the Jebusites the blind and the lame, and declaring that whoever takes the city by means of the water shaft will be his captain. The details are not clear from the text, but we are told in Chronicles that Joab was the one that performed the feat.
2. Satan tried everything he could to prevent Jesus from taking His throne in glory.
 - Even at birth, he endeavoured to kill Him—and many other times.
 - He also tried to tempt Him and lead Him into sin so that He would be disqualified, but every effort failed.
 - Finally, he succeeded in orchestrating His crucifixion. We don't know if he thought he gained his point, but you know what happened!
 - Jesus rose from the dead, the very cross being the means by which He overcame sin.
 - I mentioned to you recently that it may be that Satan was so malicious that he could not conceive that Jesus would willingly go to the cross and that God would send His Son to do so for His fallen creatures.
 - Such action would be so alien to Satan. It must have stunned him.
 - Jesus ascended to His throne in glory at God's right hand and when He did, Satan and his demons were cast out.
 - An account of this is given in Rev 12:5-10: **She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne. ⁶ Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days. ⁷ And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, ⁸ but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. ⁹**

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

- Jesus had prophesied of Satan’s expulsion when His disciples returned from their first mission that included working miracles and casting out demons.
 - In Luke 10:17-18, it is recorded: **Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name.” ¹⁸ And He said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.”**
 - Now there was a man, Jesus, who was more powerful than all the angels. When He came, Michael and the angels were able to cast Satan out.
 - Just as David would not allow the Jebusites to stay in Jerusalem, so the Son of David would not allow them to remain in the New Jerusalem.
- B. Let us rejoice in the strength of God’s anointed king on his royal throne in Zion.
- David’s strength is declared in our text. It foreshadows King Jesus.
 1. We are told of how he strengthened his fortress, and verse 10 says, **“So David became great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.”**
 - How our LORD Jesus grows in His greatness as He expands His kingdom across the world and brings down enemies who rise up against Him.
 2. Hiram, the wealthy king of Tyre, took notice of him and provided resources to build David a house, surely a shadowy picture of nations coming and bringing their resources to build the kingdom of Christ.
 - How confident we can be as we see Isaiah 2 and Rev 16 and 21 being fulfilled, the kingdoms of this world becoming the kingdoms of our God and of His Christ.
 - Truly, He shall reign forever and ever, and of the increase of His government and of shalom (peace and prosperity) there shall be no end!
 3. And we must not miss that David’s strength is also highlighted by all the sons that were born to him at Jerusalem.
 - In one way, this is disturbing, because this came about by David’s polygamy.
 - Once he had taken a second wife, there was little restraint in taking a third and a fourth and many more. And because he indulged himself in this sin, it led him to the greater sin of adultery and then murder to cover it up. God turned him over to this.
 - Brothers and sisters, don’t violate your conscience! It is never safe to indulge in a little sin. Unless you repent of your little sins, they will grow into greater sin.
 - David’s polygamy is the seed of that which would be a leading cause of the dissolution of David’s kingdom in the future.
 - Polygamy brought pagan women into the court and this led to idolatry in the kingdom that brought God’s judgment down upon David’s house so that it looked like it was ruined forever—until Jesus came to reign.

- But in another way, David’s polygamy was a sign of the glorious expansion of Christ’s kingdom that would bring forth many sons from all the nations for His kingdom.
 - Some who are brought into His kingdom on earth are themselves pagans who never truly repent. They end up bringing apostasy to His church.
 - In this way, it is a picture of how Christ’s kingdom works. As Jesus once said, many of the sons of the kingdom will be cast out and those bringing forth the fruits of repentance will come and replace them.
 - And all along, their presence in the kingdom, though false sons, still adds to the glory of Christ in that they, at least outwardly, profess His name.
 - They will be judged at the appointed time and in the end, Christ’s kingdom and all His true subjects will be perfected in glory.
 - He will reign until all of His enemies are made His footstool.
 - God has promised it, and God is with Him, and King Jesus is with His servants as we labour on earth until all nations are made His disciples.
 - Let us go forth with confidence, relying on and rejoicing in His strength at the Father’s right hand and the promise that His kingdom will come and God’s will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven.

TRANS> We are told here something here that reveals to us something about the glory of this kingdom.

III. We are told that God’s king knows that He is on His throne for the sake of God’s people.

- We have spoken of this before, and we will surely speak of it again, many times, because it a truth that is very important and beneficial for us to keep in mind.
 - Verse 12 says: **“So David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.”**

A. God’s anointed king is given power and strength to bless God’s people!

1. This is what he does in his reign. This is the reason he reigns—to bless us.
 - In this world, kings will *declare* that they are out for the good of God’s people, and I suppose that sometimes to some extent they are.
 - But often, their first interest is themselves.
2. David was aware of that he was on the throne for the sake of God’s people, though he was not always consistent, being a sinner like we are. We can hardly complain as he is better than most of us.
 - But the Son of God, King Jesus, took this “my life for you” to infinite heights!
 - Even that He should become flesh for mere creatures is unfathomable condescension for our sake.
 - But that He should also live among us and allow Himself to be abused and spit upon by mere creatures and then to die a death of shame and cursing, even being willing to let the guilt and shame and punishment of all our sins be charge to Him—this is love and sacrifice for others beyond all measure!

- He is truly worthy of all praise and adoration, thanksgiving and glory.
- He gives Himself for us, and we don't deserve even the least of His mercies.

B. Consider how we are blessed by Him.

1. First of all, that we are not only completely pardoned, but also received as having fulfilled all righteousness. Our sin is imputed to Him when we believe, and His righteousness is imputed to us. To be imputed means that it is counted as belonging to the one it is imputed to.
 - It means that God treats us as righteous persons, so that we inherit an eternal place in His glorious house.
 - We are made sons of God with all the rights and privileges that belong to sons; and we are made members of the bride of Christ with all the love that He gives to us, treating us as His own flesh, and rejoicing in our beauty that He brings forth in us.
 - Consider where we were headed without His intervention.
 - We were cut off and destined for eternal punishment in hell, for we ruined His creation by our sin and rebellion and much worse, we dishonoured Him as our God and Maker, even though He was so very kind to us and made us to be such noble creatures.
 - Our ruin was beyond our comprehension, but so is our elevation in Jesus our King if we but trust in Him and His saving work on the cross.
2. The second way that He blesses us is by making us to be like Him—in particular to be those who know that we are strengthened to do good to others!
 - When He saves you, He transforms you so that you come to Christ that you might be restored to God and you no longer live for yourself, but for Him.
 - And as you place yourself into His hands for salvation, He begins progressively strengthening your gifts to bless others, and you delight in doing so because of your ever-growing delight in Jesus.
 - More and more, (by His grace working in you), you give yourself for the blessing of others and for the glory of God.
 - When He does this in His church in a powerful way, a beautiful community is formed with beautiful families where the father, as the head of the home, uses his authority not to promote his own selfish interests, but to bless his wife and children.
 - This even begins to take root in the community at large.
 - Churches that exhibit this are much too rare, but let us humble ourselves and look earnestly to Christ to do that work in us—
 - that we would might stop living for ourselves and start living for Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, and for others.
 - O Lord, let the beauty of Mt. Zion and her King be seen in us.