

Table Talk

1. As you review David's life what are the 3 greatest "life lessons" that have affected your life the most?
2. In what areas of your life, do you need to surrender to Him?
3. To what extent do you interpret "success" in life as a sign of approval on all that you are doing?
4. What attitudes or hypocritical behaviors have you allowed to creep into your life and have caused you to lose credibility with the ones you love the most?
5. David wrote 73 Psalms. Try your hand at writing a psalm to God.
6. Email me (john@moorparkevfree.com) with something you've learned, something you've changed, or something you want to start doing as a result of your study in the life of David.



People After God's Own Heart: A Study on the Life of David

Part 28 – "Final Words... Lasting Lessons"
II Sam. 23:1-7, I Kings 2:1-10
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The last words of famous people are usually interesting and, very often, significant. David's last words are both. We will take a look at his final message to his beloved Israel, as well as his final words on his deathbed to his son Solomon. We will also look at David's "life lessons" as we conclude our study on this paradoxical man!

- I. David's final psalm (II Sam. 23:1-7)
 - A. The **spokesman** of the last words (v. 1)
 - B. The **source** of the last words (v. 2-3a)
 - C. The **substance** of the last words (v. 3b-7)
 1. God is the ultimate ruler... (v. 3b)
 2. This ruler is compared to 3 things in nature (v. 4)
 3. God's covenant with David's house is everlasting (v. 5)
 4. The worthless/ungodly will be dealt with! (v. 6-7)

II. A chat with his son (I Kings 2:1-10)

David is passing the mantle of leadership to his son. What would you focus on if these were the final words to your son on your death bed?

A. A **private** response to Solomon (v. 1-4)

1. **Become a courageous man... Grow up!** (v. 2)
2. **Walk with God by obeying Him... Keep up!** (v. 3)
3. **Fulfill the family destiny... Look up!** (v. 4)

B. A **political** request regarding Joab (v. 5-6)

C. A **personal** reminder about Barzillai's sons (v. 7)

D. A **punishing** requirement for Shimei (v. 8-9)

III. A challenge to us...What are the life lessons we can learn from David's life?

1. God is more interested in our direction than our perfection
2. When God develops character he is never in a hurry.
3. God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things.
4. Do what is right not what is expedient.
5. Our true character is revealed through the trials we experience.
6. Doing God's will our way never works!
7. You are the most vulnerable spiritually, after a great victory.
8. Our disappointments are His appointments.
9. Grace is free but not cheap.
10. David lost the moral high ground in raising his kids because of his failure as a father and a leader.