

SERMON NOTES

MARCH 14, 2021

Start by praying and asking for God's help as you seek to grow as authentic followers of Jesus.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

1. Read 2 Samuel 23:1-7. Make a few observations. What is happening? What images are used? What message is communicated?
2. Verse 5 speaks of the eternal covenant God made with David, referring back to God's promises in 2 Samuel 7. Why is this Covenant so important to David? Why is this Davidic Covenant so important to you and me?
3. Read Jesus' words in Luke 4:16-21. What similarities can you see between Jesus' words in Luke 4 and the reign of the king in 2 Sam 23:1-7? How is Jesus the fulfillment of God's promise to bring blessing through the line of David?
4. What image is used of life under the goodness of God's rule and the godly obedience of a righteous man? What does this image communicate to us about the life God wants for us?
5. How do verses 6-7 contrast with verses 4-5? What image is used of a life that ignores God and his rule?

LIVING IT OUT

6. What is the one phrase in verse 5 (below) that most stirs your heart at this time? Why?

For does not my house stand so with God?
For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.
For will he not cause to grow
all my salvation and my desire?
7. What does it mean to you that this "last word" is the subject of divine revelation so that all human attempts to disregard it or diminish it — from highly intellectual arguments to psychedelic experiences to political ideologies — are considered worthless and destructive? Can anything stand against the Word of God?
8. How have you experienced God as a Rock in your life upon which you can depend?
9. How does life under God's Ruler bring the blessing of renewal, refreshment, growth and life? How should we be looking for this reality in our lives?
10. One man wrote, "The kingdom is attractive because the King is attractive." How is Jesus an attractive King who promises an attractive kingdom? As followers of Jesus, should we be attractive as well?
11. What is your "last word" about life? What is the one thing about life you would want everyone you care about to know and understand?