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A1505 ~ Jerusalem, the City of David.

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Soon after David was made king over Israel and Judah, he looked for a more central location to rule from. He had already ruled the tribe of Judah from Hebron for seven and a half years but now, it was time for a change.

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The Jebusites were a proud people and very confident in the strength of their walled city. Yet God helped David and his chosen men to take the Jebusite stronghold. But in doing so, David made a competition between the mighty men for leadership of the now combined Israelite and Judah armies.

Once David and his men had captured the Jebusite city, David decided to rule Israel and Judah from there. It was called the City of David and then Jerusalem. David laid out plans to start building from the outside strong walls inwards. For those of us who have received the love of the Lord Jesus into our lives, our hearts become changed into a place where God rules through His Holy Spirit and brings our every thought and action into obedience to Himself.

When the Philistines saw what King David and his people were building, they gathered in a valley to do battle. David enquired of the Lord if he should go out to fight. The Lord said He would give victory over these enemies.

Later, the Philistines regrouped and came a second time. David again asked the Lord what he should do. God told him to go around behind the Philistine lines and attack them from the rear. God went before them and gave total victory.

After the battle was over and the battlefield checked for spoil, Joab found some small Philistine idol statues. The defeated soldiers had carried them into battle in the hope they would help them win the battle. These idols were later burnt at David's command.

In the Bible book of Isaiah, Chapter 44, the Lord Almighty has this to say: "I am the first, the last, the only God; there is no other god but me. Could anyone else have done what I did? Who could have predicted all that would happen from the very beginning to the end of time? It does no good to make a metal image to worship as a god! Everyone who worships it will be humiliated."

Human beings can also make idols in their minds. Things like wealth, fame and control over others can become the burning ambition people live for. Nothing should take the first place in a person's life before God. Any substitute for Him is wrong and won't bring true peace and happiness inside.

Some people have the idea that God weighs people down with so many rules that He does not want people to be happy. This of course, is not true. In the New Testament book of Matthew Chapter 11 the Lord Jesus says: "Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads and I will give you rest." Also He said to those who believed in Him in John's Gospel Chapter 8: "If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples; you will know the truth and the truth will set you free."

With this freedom comes our duty to God as disciples. The Lord Jesus said in Luke Chapter 9: “If you want to come with me, you must forget yourself, take up your cross every day, and follow me.” We are to live in obedience to God always.

Not many times during the reign of kings in Israel’s history did both the king and people live in obedience to God. Like then, many people search for happiness without God. They want to live to please themselves but be happy doing so. It does not work that way. The present day world is very focused on being entertained and feeling good. People want to laugh at witty, coarse jokes about other people’s problems. Or they want to go to parties and listen to loud music to escape the troubles and boredom in their own lives. Any escapism, including drugs, sex and alcohol, lasts only for a little time. In the New Testament book of Titus, Chapter 3 it says: Our people must learn to spend their time doing good, in order to provide for real needs; they should not live useless lives.”

David gathered about him people who would help him in the process of ruling the country. He did not have the attitude: “I am king and my word is law.” No. King David had an attitude of others first, just as we should have too. When God was ruling in the king’s life, there was unity among the people instead of division and civil war. And when believers in the Lord Jesus meet together to worship God, there should be a unity of spirit as belonging to the same Lord.

Have you received the love and salvation of the Lord Jesus into your life yet? He is God’s anointed One and He alone has the right to rule and reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He proved this by dying on a cross and becoming our substitute to pay for our sins. God raised Him from death, and He is victorious over all our enemies of death, hell and the power of the devil. Thank Him for taking your place and receiving God’s punishment for your sin on your behalf. Although 100% just and righteous, God shows His love for you so clearly. Ask Him to rule in your life today, and every day.

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