

5 All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood. 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." 3 When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. <sup>4</sup> David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. <sup>5</sup> In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

<sup>6</sup> 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."

Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion—which is the City of David. On that day David had said, "Anyone who conquers the Jebusites will have to use the water shaft to reach those 'lame and blind' who are David's enemies." That is why they say, "The 'blind and lame' will not enter the palace." 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. <sup>10</sup> And he became more and more powerful, because the LORD God Almighty was with him.

<sup>11</sup> Now Hiram king of Tyre sent envoys to David, along with cedar logs and carpenters and stonemasons, and they built a palace for David. <sup>12</sup> Then David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel. <sup>13</sup> After he left Hebron, David took more concubines and wives in Jerusalem, and more sons and daughters were born to him. <sup>14</sup> These are the names of the children born to him there: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, <sup>15</sup> Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, <sup>16</sup> Elishama, Eliada and Eliphelet.

<sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Now the Philistines had come and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; <sup>19</sup> so David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I go and attack the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hands?" The LORD answered him, "Go, for I will surely deliver the Philistines into your hands." <sup>20</sup> 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 has broken out against my enemies before me." So that place was called Baal Perazim. <sup>21</sup> The Philistines abandoned their idols there, and David and his men carried them off.

<sup>22</sup> Once more the Philistines came up and spread out in the Valley of Rephaim; <sup>23</sup> so David inquired of the LORD, and he answered, "Do not go straight up, but circle around behind them and attack them in front of the poplar trees. <sup>24</sup> As soon as you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the poplar trees, move quickly, because that will mean the LORD has gone out in front of you to strike the Philistine army." <sup>25</sup> So David did as the LORD commanded him, and he struck down the Philistines all the way from Gibeon to Gezer.



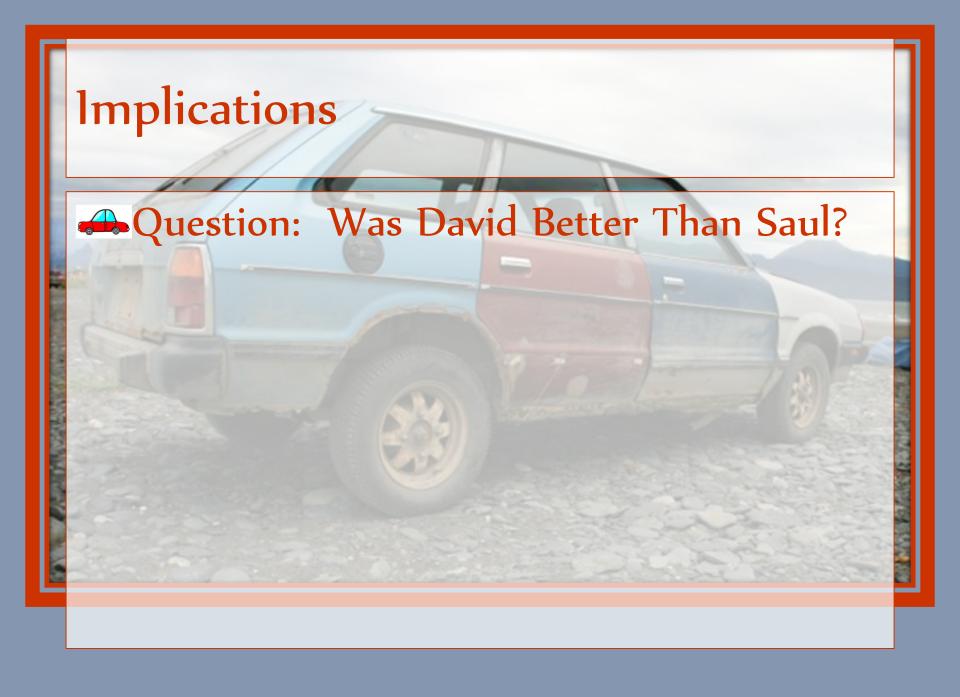
# 1 Samuel 31:6 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> So Saul and his three sons and his armor-bearer and all his men died together that same day.

### 2 Samuel 3:1 (NIV)

The war between the house of Saul and the house of David lasted a long time. David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.





# 2 Samuel 3:13-16 (NIV)

13 "Good," said David. "I will make an agreement with you. But I demand one thing of you: Do not come into my presence unless you bring Michal daughter of Saul when you come to see me." 14 Then David sent messengers to Ish-Bosheth son of Saul, demanding, "Give me my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to myself for the price of a hundred Philistine foreskins." 15 So Ish-Bosheth gave orders and had her taken away from her husband Paltiel son of Laish. <sup>16</sup> Her husband, however, went with her, weeping behind her all the way to Bahurim. Then Abner said to him, "Go back home!" So he went back.

## 1 Samuel 25:43 (NIV)

<sup>43</sup> David had also married Ahinoam of Jezreel, and they both were his wives.

#### Deuteronomy 17:17 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold.



- Question: Was David Better Than Saul?
- God ls Sovereign

### Romans 9:14-18 (NIV)

<sup>14</sup> What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! <sup>15</sup> For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." 16 It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy. <sup>17</sup> For Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth." <sup>18</sup> Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.

#### Romans 9:20 (NIV)

<sup>20</sup> But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?""

#### Romans 3:3-4 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> What if some were unfaithful? Will their unfaithfulness nullify God's faithfulness? <sup>4</sup> Not at all! Let God be true, and every human being a liar. As it is written: "So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge."

#### **Implications**

- Question: Was David Better Than Saul?
- God Is Sovereign
- How Should We Respond?
  - **Admit**
  - Accept
  - **Aspire**

# 2 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

