

2 Samuel 5:1-25

3 Insights Connected To God's Breakthroughs In Our Lives



Context/Background

- 1 & 2 Samuel originally one book
- Books are record of Israel's growth into a formally governed nation
- 2 Samuel: written approx. 722 BC
- Scholars believe 2 Samuel written by the prophets Samuel, Nathan, and Gad
- Themes: The key of successful life/career is close relationship with Lord and importance of spiritual leadership for a nation's well-being.

God Providentially Determines The Timing Of Life's Breakthroughs

- (vv. 1-3) Verses emotional time in life of David; he formally/physically recognized as God's choice for King
- David anointed as King, I Samuel 16; this would have been about 15 years prior
- Even though great time of celebration and joy, also time of reflection (much time had gone by and David experienced a lot)
- Most of time we want position, but don't think about the preparation

- I Sam. 17:34-35, “But David said to Saul, ‘Your servant used to keep his father’s sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth;....’”
- Eccles. 3:1, “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven:...”



God Lovingly Determines The Opportunities From Life's Breakthroughs

- (vv. 4-16) See the season of breakthroughs continues for David; publicly and privately
- (v.2, 10, &12) David's mindset; shepherd people, fulfill God's will, help others breakthrough
- Jebusites; foreign, pagan Canaanites who had stronghold in key area between tribes of Judah and Benjamin; very challenging
- David able to defeat Jebusites and occupy Jebus, which became part of Jerusalem
- David fulfilled God's will after 400 years; enlarged God's territory

- Luke 12:48, “...For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required...”
- 2 Cors.1:4, “...who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”



God Graciously Determines The Provision For Life's Breakthroughs

- (vv.17-25) David diligent to consistently guard against other strongholds (Jebusites challenge from within, Philistines challenge from without)
- Philistines fear David's growing power and UNITY of Israel, move to attack and go to Valley of Rephaim (Giants)
- David sought Lord; priority was Lord's word and will; knew he couldn't defeat enemies without God and His way of action

- Ps. 34:4, “I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.”
- Ps. 20:7, “Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God. They have bowed down and fallen; but we have risen and stand upright.”

