

God's Sovereign Plan for Solomon

1 Kings 1:1-31

Review of David's Life

David, the king of God's choosing, is anointed by Samuel while Saul is king.

David has a heart for God which means he loves God and believes:

God is sovereign, completely righteous, always merciful, and God's will is always best.

After Saul dies, David takes the throne, wins the hearts of the Israelites, and unites Israel.

David's time of triumph turns to tragedy and trouble when he sins against God and suffers the consequences.

2 Samuel ends with David, a sinner, continuing to have his whole heart turned towards God.

Overview of 1 Kings

The continuing story of God's people is told through the reign of kings in Judah and Israel covering 400 years.

Solomon's splendid reign is a time of peace, prosperity, and influence, but it ends with division and decline.

Themes in 1 Kings are relevant to us and include God's sovereign control, God's faithfulness, a call for faithfulness from His people, and the true and trustworthy Word of God.

Competition for the Crown

David – A Declining King 1:1-4

David is old and his health is failing so his servants find beautiful Abishag to care for David.

David's decline leaves the throne _____.

Adonijah – A Self - Appointed King 1:5-10

Adonijah, David's oldest living son, arrogantly attempts to seize David's throne.

Adonijah seeks wrong counsel by deviously gathering support from those losing David's favor.

Adonijah's revolt is against David and the _____ will of God.

Nathan – A Prophet Serving the King 1:11-27

Nathan's plan is in harmony with God's will as he sends Bathsheba to reveal Adonijah's revolt.

Nathan spurs David to action by _____ and wisely asking David questions.

Solomon – A Sovereignly Declared King 1:28-31

David humbly acknowledges God as Lord and deliverer, because God has intervened in this crisis.

David declares Solomon, God's choice, will succeed him as king which ensures Bathsheba's safety.

Bathsheba asks for God's blessing on David which acknowledges David's righteous action.

Remember, our sovereign God is working all things out according to His good _____.

In all situations, walk with the Lord, talk with Him, and trust Him _____.

Check your heart. Ask yourself, "Is my heart for God?"

Key: vulnerable, revealed, diplomatically, plan, wholeheartedly