

# Apply The Word

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## Message Info

### Title:

The King Arrives

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2 Samuel 1-5

**Theme:** While we watch David on the path to kingship we end up with our eyes fixed on Christ.

**Introduction:** There is a powerful effect on our souls in beholding the Lord. We see it in Jesus' interaction with his disciples on the Mt. of Transfiguration (Mark 9:3), and we will see it one day when he returns (2 Cor 3:18). As we gaze upon our Savior we are transformed. The life of David provides a typological example of this as he ascends to the throne of Israel. David's arrival as king mirrors Jesus' life in many respects.

Here are 3 parts of the path to David's kingship:

### 1. Vindication through suffering

David knows suffering. His path to kingship is fraught with peril and filled with sorrow. Yet, he finally ascends to the throne of Judah (2 Sam 2:1-4).

Jesus similarly eventually triumphed over his enemies to assume the Throne; but his path was also marked by great suffering and trials.

As his people, we too should expect to suffer in this life (John 15:18-20). And we should also expect to be vindicated one day when Jesus returns.

### 2. Unity over self-preservation

David made many choices which showed that he valued the unity of the people of God over his own personal ease.

His commitment to unity came at a cost. It would've been easier to prioritize himself and his ease; but he feared the Lord and loved his people.

Jesus, too, purchased unity for us with God at the greatest personal cost. He prioritized our salvation over his own ease or comfort (Mark 10:45).

### 3. A pattern of righteous judgments

Throughout these accounts, David demonstrates righteous judgment at many points.

In dealing with an Amalekite who claims to have killed Saul out of mercy, David righteously condemns the man for failing to honor the Lord's anointed (2 Sam 1:13-16). He honored God's word in his judgments.

### Questions:

1. Do you embrace suffering in this life as part of God's good plan for you?
2. Where do you look for vindication? What is your hope?
3. Do you value unity with God's people? What has it cost you to promote and preserve it?
4. Do you have a biblical understanding of justice? How does it differ from the world's? How does it demonstrate the fear of the Lord?