

The Davidic Covenant

*A quick note regarding the Leader's Guide. Please use this only as a supplement to help further discussion. The book is your guide and should be your primary resource. This leader's guide is here to provide further insight into various moments and develop greater depth in understanding. As a leader, please add your own questions from your time in the book and your time in God's Word.

****Preface Homework: Have you placed Scriptures on the two lines at the end of the Preface? If not, please do so this week.**

Remember the Offerings of Covenants:

Suzerain (God)	Vassal (Us)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Protection</u> • <u>Privilege</u> • <u>Identity</u> • <u>Provision</u> • <u>Authority</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Devotion</u> • <u>Loyalty</u> • <u>Identity</u> • <u>Representation</u>

Supplemental Questions and Commentary by Section and Page. Apply as appropriate.

Give Us a King to Judge

Consider these three phrases taken from verse 20 in 1 Samuel:

- That our king may judge us
- Go out before us
- Fight our battles

Had God failed to do this for Israel? Why would they make this request?

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The elders essentially told Samuel they wanted to be like everyone else. Why? What were they seeking?

- *Greater freedom. The paradox in this is that apart from law, there is no freedom, there's anarchy. Freedom always has boundaries and parameters because boundaries and parameters protect. We saw this rebellion against boundaries in the garden and now we're seeing it with Israel's elders. No doubt we can see this in our contemporary lives.*
- *A pursuit of greater freedom is a move toward increased bondage.*
- *God grants greater freedom, but He does so by expanding the boundaries . . . not by eliminating them.*

Everlasting Kingdom

The book tells us, "His ultimate purpose will be accomplished." What is that purpose?

- *Koinonia: intimacy, fellowship, unity, a collective*

- *Relationship*
- *Communion*

Everything I Am . . .

At the end of the excerpt from first Chronicles 22 we see David warning Solomon with the following contingency, “. . .if you are careful to observe the statutes and the ordinances which the Lord commanded Moses concerning Israel." This harkens back to what we read in Deuteronomy 17 about the king God desired to place over Israel.

. . . Is Yours

After the last sentence of this section:

As mentioned before, God was restoring humanity to the covenants, and through the covenants. Here in the Davidic covenant, we can see Him fulfilling covenant.

A Man of Peace is Given

It was absolutely critical that Solomon know and observe the Law and its statutes. He was to read it daily. If you'll recall, in the Mosaic covenant we discovered that God is revealed in and through the Law. We can see in the Law, that God is revealed as Banner, Healer, Provider, Shield, Almighty. This isn't a reminder for Solomon of what to do and what not to do, it is a daily reminder of Who He Is, and therefore, who Solomon is.

Ultimately, Solomon had the same failure as Saul . . . a lack of devotion to God's Law.

(A little encouragement from the author.)

David is a vast topic. His story spans several chapters of both 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 Kings. Additionally the majority of the Psalms are written by David. No doubt as a leader, you have encountered his story. I want to encourage you to use your experience with David, his story, and his Psalms to help you lead your group in this study.