

HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN

(3/17/2024; Life Group; 2 Samuel 1:1-2:7; Steve Thiel; Christ Proclamation Church)

Sermon Theme: The King destined to give rest and abundant blessing rises to power at God's hand, not his own, choosing obedience to God and love for His people over personal exaltation. We, in response, must anoint Him, King of our lives, obey His commands, and love His people!

I. The Innocent King – Read 2 Samuel 1:1-16

- A. Review 1 Samuel 29-31. What do you recall about those chapters? Read 2 Samuel 1:1-16. What information about Saul's death does the Amalekite share with David? How do you navigate these two seemingly contradictory stories regarding Saul's death?
- B. What is the motivation for the Amalekite sharing the information that he does with David? In what ways do the Amalekite's actions display his pursuit of self-promotion?
- C. In what ways does David display himself to be an innocent king before all people?
- D. Where are you tempted to promote yourself rather than walk faithfully and obediently before God and others both in the church and in the world (work, school, grocery store, etc.)?

II. The Lamenting King – Read 2 Samuel 1:17-27

- A. What observations do you make from 2 Samuel 1:17-27?
- B. Why does David lament the death of Saul and Jonathan?
- C. If you were David, would you have grieved the death of your greatest enemy? How should a passion for God, and the things of God, cause us to love Him more than ungodly desires?

III. The Anointed King – Read 2 Samuel 2:1-7

- A. Read 1 Samuel 30:21-30. How would you summarize the events in these verses? Who does David share the spoils of his enemies with? How do these verses connect to 2 Samuel 2:1-7?
- B. In verse 4, how are we shown that God is faithful to His promises pertaining to the house of Judah? How does God's faithfulness to His promises encourage you this week?
- C. In what ways does David point to the great king, the Lord Jesus? How should the beauty of our innocent, obedient, and righteous king drive us to live for His glory, honor, and praise?
- D. Why do we obey King Jesus? Where would you like to grow in obedience to Him?