



# SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM

## PART 40

# When Everything Belongs to the King

## 2 SAMUEL 8

# 1) 2 Samuel 8:1-6, 13-14 — *The LORD gave David victory*

*The LORD is the source of David's strength*



- The refrain appears twice: “The LORD gave David victory wherever he went.”
- David’s growing strength, kingdom, and reputation came from the LORD
- God giving David victory did not mean He approved of every decision David made
- God’s gifts always carry responsibility

## 2) 2 Samuel 8:3–12 — *Dedicate what the LORD gives*

### *Restraint, surrender, and trust*



- David hamstringed most of the horses instead of trusting in military power
- David dedicated the silver, gold, and articles to the LORD
- The LORD gives, David receives, and David gives back
- What has been placed in our hands should be dedicated to the King

### 3) 2 Samuel 8:15–18 — *Use authority with justice and righteousness*

### Ministry rather than mastery



- David did what was “just and right” for all his people
- God-given authority is meant to serve others, not master them
- David’s administration brought stability and peace
- We are called to use what God gives us to pursue justice, care for others, and reflect His character

## MISHPAT

Justice

Righting what is wrong, protecting  
the vulnerable, and ensuring what  
is fair.

**SEDAQAH**

## Righteousness

Living in right relationship  
with God and others, marked  
by faithfulness, integrity, and  
covenant love.



## MAIN TAKEAWAY

Seeking God's Kingdom means surrendering everything the LORD has given us and learning to use it for His glory and for the sake of loving others.



### REFLECTION QUESTION

*What have I been given that hasn't yet been dedicated to the LORD?*



## NOTES



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# WHEN EVERYTHING BELONGS TO THE KING

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*Everything we have belongs to the King.*

## KEY SCRIPTURES

1. 2 Samuel 8:6, 14

*"The LORD gave David victory wherever he went."*

2. 2 Samuel 8:11

*"King David dedicated these articles to the LORD..."*

3. 2 Samuel 8:15

*"David reigned... doing what was just and right for all his people."*

4. Deuteronomy 17:16-17

*"The king must not accumulate horses, silver, or gold."*

5. Wesleyan Covenant Prayer

*"I freely and fully surrender all things to Your glory and service."*



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### THE REFRAIN

*The LORD gave David victory*



- Repeated twice in the chapter
- David's strength, kingdom, and name came from the LORD
- God's gifts always carry responsibility.

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### A NECESSARY DISTINCTION

*Victory is not blanket approval*



- The Moabite episode is morally troubling.
- The text never says the LORD told David to do this.
- God-given power must still be used God's way.

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### DEDICATE WHAT THE LORD GIVES

*Restraint, surrender, and trust*



- David did not accumulate military power for himself.
- He dedicated silver, gold, and spoils to the LORD.
- The LORD gives, David receives, David gives back.

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### JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

*Ministry rather than mastery*



- David did what was "just and right" for his people.
- Mishpat = justice, fairness, protection from oppression.
- Sedaqah = righteousness, integrity, faithfulness.

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### OUR RESPONSE

*Everything belongs to the King*



- What have I been given that hasn't yet been dedicated to the LORD?
- My money, time, abilities, influence, and plans.
- "Jesus, whatever You place in my hands belongs to You."



### THE LORD GIVES

*The LORD is the source of David's victory, power, and provision.*



### DAVID DEDICATES

*David gives back what the LORD has given, placing it at His disposal.*



### DAVID USES AUTHORITY JUSTLY

*David leads with justice and righteousness for the good of God's people.*



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