

THE MAJESTY OF THE MONARCHY
Studies in II Samuel
Lesson 2

DEATH OF A KING
II Samuel Chapters 1-5

2 Samuel, Chapters 1-5 detail the events leading up to the crowning of David as King over Israel.

I. THE DEATH OF SAUL 2 SAMUEL 1:1

A. Saul's Victory Turned into Defeat by Sin

B. Saul's Advantages

1. He was modest, peaceful and generous.
2. As to his physical attributes, he was tall, handsome and attractive to all.
3. Spiritually and socially
 - a. He had God with him (1 Sam. 10:7)
 - b. He had a new heart (10:6, 9)
 - c. He had a band of men around him whose heart God had touched (10:26)
 - d. He had a godly mentor in Samuel.

C But He Played the Fool.... 1 Sam. 26:21

1. He talked to the Witch of Endor when he should have talked to God.
2. He failed to obey God in the destruction of the Amalekites.
3. He failed to wait the seven days at Gilgal and suffered badly by usurping the duties of the priest.
4. He finally resorts to the ultimate of follies by committing suicide.

D. By Comparison, See the Saul of the New Testament.

1. The Old Testament Saul said, "I have played the fool."
2. The New Testament Saul said, "I have fought the good fight, I have kept the faith and I have a crown."
3. The Old Testament Saul threw away his crown.

Parenthesis: The question of Saul's suicide or murder....

For me, the answer is found in the fact that 1 Samuel gives the facts as God saw them...and Chapter 1 of 2 Samuel gives the story that the Amalekite gave.

II. DAVID'S MAGNANIMITY ABOUT SAUL'S DEATH 2 SAM. 1:17-27

A. David's Expression of Sorrow over Saul's Fall 19

B. David's Desire to Keep the Story of Saul's Death and the Surrounding Circumstances from spreading.

C. David's Mention of Saul's Victories 21, 22

D. David's Mention of Jonathan's Devotion to Saul 23

E. David Requests the Women who had Rejoiced with Saul, now to Weep over Him 24

F. David Veiled Rather than Exposed Saul's Faults.

G. But David Didn't Lie about Saul Being Good.

H. David Remembers Jonathan's Love.

III. DAVID AS A PICTURE OF OUR LORD 1 CHRON. 11:1-14

A. He is Bone of our Bone... Identifying Himself with Us.

B. He Led the People In and Out

C. He Fed the People.

D. He Ruled the People. See Isaiah 9:6