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INTRODUCTION

..God rejected Saul for his persistent disobedience. David was selected to be the new monarch, and Samuel was sent to anoint him to that position. This was done while Saul was still in power and prior to David's victory over Goliath, (1 Samuel 16:1-13).

Later David became more and more prominent and popular while Saul's authority and sway gradually eroded. After Saul's death David became king, first of the tribe of Judah only, and then over all Israel.

In our lesson today, David's kingdom was prophesied to endure forever. From a liberal standpoint, of course, this did not come true. After Solomon's death, the kingdom was divided into two separate kingdoms - Israel and Judah. Eventually, the whole of the people were conquered and exiled to lands far from Palestine. But the Hebrew people and David's descendants did not die out, and many centuries later a Messiah was born Who was descended from David. This was Jesus Who, among other titles, was called "the Son of David."

After Saul's death the people of the southern tribe of Judah accepted David as their king, (2 Samuel 2:4-7). However, the majority of the tribes chose Ishbosheth, a son of Saul, as their monarch. Abner was the commander-in-chief of the forces of this northern kingdom. In a little while a fierce civil war broke out, which raged intermittently over several years. The forces of David gradually gained the mastery, (2 Samuel 3:1). Finally, Joab killed Abner, and Ishbosheth was murdered, leaving the northern tribes without strong leadership.

There was no doubt about David's royal status. He was not only accepted by the tribe of Judah as their king, but he had been destined by God to be the king of all Israel when Samuel anointed him. The northern tribes had not been willing to submit to David's rule or to recognize his right to the crown.

How like them we are! God has recognized His Son Jesus as "King of our lives." We cannot make Him a sovereign any more than He is already. But we can accept Him as our king. Just as the northern tribes came to David whom God already had caused to be anointed by Samuel, so we come to Jesus. He is Lord of Lords, but may not be Lord of our lives because we have not made Him such. To further the conquests of God's kingdom and to overcome all the inner-rebellion and tension of our lives, we need to accept and confess Jesus as our Messiah - the anointed one - who should be our Lord too.

(2 Samuel 7:16) And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever.

It is interesting to see the thread of Jesus' Davidic descent as it winds its way through the New Testament accounts. The very first verse in Matthew states that it is "the book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham."

Jesus, our Lord, came from "the house and lineage of David." By prophets, angels, and himself, Jesus was called "the son" or "offspring" of David. This links Him with the kingly line of Judah, but it also ties Him into the glory and pathos of our human lot. David's great-grandfather had married a foreign girl-Ruth the Moabitess-who had sought a haven in Israel as a refugee. David himself had begun as a lowly tender of sheep in the hills of Judea. Yet he had striven heroically with the Philistine giant and had become an adventurous military leader. At times, amid King Saul's fits of madness and jealousy, David had been cast out and hunted in the wilderness almost as if he were a wild beast.

David's sin in connection with Bathsheba and the subsequent death of her husband, Uriah, need no elaboration. And while dying, David sought to consolidate the reign of Solomon by urging the execution of two men who had offended him earlier (2 Kings 2:5-9). Yet this was the same David who composed many psalms of varied moods expressing trust, submission, joy and penitence. Such deathless spiritual lyrics as the Twenty-third Psalm came from this same David to bless and edify countless generations. Such a mixed inheritance most of us have in our backgrounds, and such our Lord Jesus shared as a "son of David."

Jesus took upon himself our human nature with all its possibilities of good and evil, yet He lived without sin (Hebrews 4:15). He showed in His flesh how we can be made bright with God's glory and pass through the temptations and tortures, the impulses and the resolves of life to the eternal blessedness of deathless victory.

The whole matter of Jesus' relationship to David is bound up with His messiahship, for His Kingship is one of three aspects of this.

Walls Memorial To Present Concert Sunday

The J.T. White Singers of Walls Memorial AME Zion Church will present its second annual concert Sunday June 17 at 5 p.m. at the church, located at 2722 Bancroft St.

This will be the choir's special contribution to the many religious services during the church's centennial year. As an added highlight the group will select a "Father of the Year." The four fathers vying for the title include Thomas Massey, W.D. McMullen, Troy Medley and Willie Neal.

You are invited to come and celebrate Fathers Day with the J.T. White Singers. The group is directed by Bobbie Parks and Rev. J. Tyrone White, Sr. is pastor.

GRIER HEIGHTS
On Sunday June 24 Grier Heights Presbyterian Church will celebrate 41 years of lifting up the name of Jesus. The theme for this year's anniversary celebration will be "Look and Live - To Jesus."

The public is cordially invited to this anniversary celebration which will include the following special programs:

1. On Tuesday night June 19 at 7:30 p.m. the regular Bible Study Class will focus on the anniversary theme and scripture background - Numbers 21:1-9 and John 3:14-15. The Bible Study Teacher is Elder Quinton Boulware.

2. Wednesday night June 20 at 8 p.m. the 41st anniversary committee will present a special program on symbolism in the church sanctuary in recognition of the gifts and donors. The Gospel Choir will sing during this program.

3. Thursday night June 21 is Youth Night. William

Crutchfield, host of WQCC Christian Radio Program, the Queen City Christian Club Hour, will be the guest speaker. This program will begin at 8 p.m. and will feature the Youth Choir of the Church.

4. Sunday June 24 is Anniversary Day. The anniversary worship service will feature a special dedication of new sanctuary improvements.

The anniversary address will be presented by the pastor, Dr. Rev. Lloyd Belton Morris. Dinner will be served after the morning service.

Chairperson of the 41st anniversary committee is Elder Calvin Lewers.

JONESVILLE AME ZION
The pastor's appreciation day will be observed at Jonesville AME Church by the Pastor's Aid Group and members of the church Sunday June 24 at 3 p.m. Honored will be Rev. James R. Phifer, a dedicated man of God.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Fred McCullough, pastor of Steele Creek AME Zion Church. He will be accompanied by his choir.

Dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend. Rev. James R. Phifer is pastor.

LITTLE ROCK AME
Vacation Bible School will begin at Little Rock AME Zion Church June 18-22. Classes will begin at 9 a.m. and will end at 12 noon each day in the Educational Department of the church.

Classes have been prepared for nursery through adult with the theme "Jesus Is My Answer."

Southern Region Meeting Mayfield Memorial Hosts Progressive Convention

The Southern Region of the Progressive National Baptist Convention U.S.A. will hold its annual session with the Mayfield Memorial Baptist located at Sugar Creek Road on June 18-21. The theme for the Convention is "Equipping The Saints."

The Convention will open on Monday evening with a Mini-musical and corporate worship service. Doctor W.P. Diggs will deliver the sermon on Monday evening at the 7:30 session.

Registration will begin on Tuesday morning at 8 and the General Assembly will convene at 9 with the Worship Period being led by Dr. Fred Loftin of Memphis, Tenn. The Convention will be officially called to order by the Regional President Dr. Willie E. Young of Jacksonville, Florida. The 11 a.m. Sermon will be delivered

by Rev. W.S. Randolph of Sumter, S.C. Other sermons to be preached during the session will be by Rev. Charles Sargent of Atlanta, Ga., Dr. H.B. Williams of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the President's message will be delivered by Dr. W.E. Young, Rev. F.L. Gordon of Tenn. will deliver the closing sermon on Thursday morning.

Congress classes will be held on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday morning at 9, Wednesday afternoon at 3, and Thursday morning at 9.

The Regional Convention and Congress of Christian Education is comprised of Progressive churches from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Florida, and Louisiana.

Rev. H.S. Diggs is the Pastor of the Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church.

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