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**2 Samuel 8:13-15** <sup>13</sup> And David made a name for himself when he returned from striking down 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt. <sup>14</sup> Then he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became David's servants. And the LORD gave victory to David wherever he went. <sup>15</sup> So David reigned over all Israel. And David administered justice and equity to all his people.

**Lord gives victory to His King**

**God's King brings justice & judgement to the nations.**

**God protects His people from His enemies**

**God's kingdom brings justice & equity to His people**

**Christ is a warrior over evil, sin & death**

**Matthew 16:18** And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

***1 Corinthians 15:22–26*** *For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.* <sup>23</sup> *But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.* <sup>24</sup> *Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.* <sup>25</sup> *For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.* <sup>26</sup> *The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

***Psalm 2 Psalm 110***

***Isaiah 2:4*** *He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.*

***Ephesians 6:10–13*** <sup>10</sup> *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.* <sup>11</sup> *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.* <sup>12</sup> *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.* <sup>13</sup> *Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*



**2 Corinthians 10:3–5**

***<sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.***

***1 Peter 2:13–14 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.***

***Romans 13:4 <sup>4</sup> for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.***

God created a peaceful world in the Garden of Eden. Imagine how that is different than our world today.

God will one day bring a comprehensive peace in the new heaven's & new earth. Imagine what that would be like.

Since the fall and until the coming of Christ, the world will be a struggle involving forces of good & evil. Some of this conflict will be spiritual, relational, economic, or military. Why is it important to have a "battle mindset" as we live?

How does the battle we fight in church differ from David's military battles? Look at the verses above!

How do we fight in a spiritual warfare?

Why is it important for us to respect the civil govt and its' use of force? Recognizing that we use the sword of the Spirit in our lives , that is the word of God to convert rather than conquer people...Persuasion not coercion.



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2 Samuel 7:18–29 Then King David went in and sat before the LORD and said, “Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my house, that you have brought me thus far? <sup>19</sup> And yet this was a small thing in your eyes, O Lord GOD. You have spoken also of your servant’s house for a great while to come, and this is instruction for mankind, O Lord GOD! <sup>20</sup> And what more can David say to you? For you know your servant, O Lord GOD! <sup>21</sup> Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it. <sup>22</sup> Therefore you are great, O LORD God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears. <sup>23</sup> And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making himself a name and doing for them great and awesome things by driving out before your people, whom you redeemed for yourself from Egypt, a nation and its gods? <sup>24</sup> And you established for yourself your people Israel to be your people forever. And you, O LORD, became their God. <sup>25</sup> And now, O LORD God, confirm forever the word that you have spoken concerning your servant and concerning his house, and do as you have spoken. <sup>26</sup> And your name will be magnified forever, saying, ‘The LORD of hosts is God over Israel,’ and the house of your servant David will be established before you. <sup>27</sup> For you, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, ‘I will build you a house.’ Therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. <sup>28</sup> And now, O Lord GOD, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant. <sup>29</sup> Now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue forever before you. For you, O Lord GOD, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed forever.”

### **When God’s Kingdom arrives**

**Engagement: David sat before the Lord**

**Humble gratitude for all He has done**

**Hopeful Praise of God’s glory**

**25: Confident Prayer in what He will do**

**How do we practice the presence of God?**

**David danced and He sat down in the presence of the Lord. Which is more challenging for you?  
How do we express this to the Lord?**

**How does gratitude make us grow? How is gratitude so easy to neglect?**



**God's glory is David's focus? How does He describe God in this passage? How can that inform us?**

**How does this passage encourage us to link our prayers to God's promises in His word? How do we make those prayers both confident & humble?**