

TRIUMPHS
AND TRIALS
of the
KING



The King We Need

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I. We need a King who seeks God's face (v.1)



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II. We need a King who pursues justice (v.2)



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III. We need a King who makes atonement for
sin (v.3-6, 8-9)



Numbers 35:33

“Do not defile the land where you live, for bloodshed defiles the land, and there can be no atonement for the land because of the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of the person who shed it.



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“Atonement is never nice but always gruesome...we easily fall into the trap of regarding atonement as merely a doctrine, a concept, an abstraction to be explained, a bit of theology to be analyzed...



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If we've grown too used to Golgotha perhaps Gibeah can shock us back into truth: atonement is a drippy, bloody, smelly business. The stench of death hangs heavy whenever the wrath of God has been quenched."

– Dale Ralph Davis



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IV. We need a King who keeps his promise
(v.7)



Galatians 6:2

Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.



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V. We need a King who is moved with compassion (v.10-12)



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VI. We need a King who shows kindness to the fallen (v.13-14)



Ephesians 2:6-7

He also raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might display the immeasurable riches of his grace through his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.



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VII. We need a King who serves as a model
(v.15-22)



1 Samuel 17:46-47

Today, the Lord will hand you over to me.

Today, I'll strike you down, remove your head, and give the corpses of the Philistine camp to the birds of the sky and the wild creatures of the earth. Then all the world will know that Israel has a God



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VIII. We need a King who reigns forever. (v.17)



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