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Prayer and Providence

2 SAMUEL 2

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Q: Why are prayer and providence an important part of our walks before Christ?

A: Because in seeking the direction of the Lord and seeing the Lord's faithfulness, we learn that he has established our steps.



2 Samuel 2:5-7

5 David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh-gilead and said to them, "The LORD bless you because you have shown this kindness to Saul your lord when you buried him. 6 Now, may the LORD show kindness and faithfulness to you, and I will also show the same goodness to you because you have done this deed. 7 Therefore, be strong and valiant, for though Saul your lord is dead, the house of Judah has anointed me king over them."



2 Samuel 2:8-9

8 Abner son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, took Saul's son Ish-bosheth and moved him to Mahanaim. 9 He made him king over Gilead, Asher, Jezreel, Ephraim, Benjamin—over all Israel.



2 Samuel 2:17-20

17 The battle that day was extremely fierce, and Abner and the men of Israel were defeated by David's soldiers. 18 The three sons of Zeruiah were there: Joab, Abishai, and Asahel. Asahel was a fast runner, like one of the wild gazelles.

19 He chased Abner and did not turn to the right or the left in his pursuit of him. 20 Abner glanced back and said, "Is that you, Asahel?" "Yes it is," Asahel replied.



2 Samuel 2:26-26

25 The Benjaminites rallied to Abner; they formed a unit and took their stand on top of a hill. 26 Then Abner called out to Joab, "Must the sword devour forever? Don't you realize this will only end in bitterness? How long before you tell the troops to stop pursuing their brothers?"



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1 Chronicles 10:13-14

13 Saul died for his unfaithfulness to the LORD because he did not keep the LORD's word. He even consulted a medium for guidance, 14 but he did not inquire of the LORD. So the LORD put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse.



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Matthew 7:7–8

7 “Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.



1 John 3:21-22

21 Dear friends, if our hearts don't condemn us,
we have confidence before God 22 and
receive whatever we ask from him because
we keep his commands and do what is
pleasing in his sight.



1 John 5:14-15

14 This is the confidence we have before him:
If we ask anything according to his will, he
hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears
whatever we ask, we know that we have what
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- Gen 13 – Abram builds an altar and the promise of the land
- Gen 18 – Lord appears to Abram to promise an heir
- Gen 23, 25, and 35 – Where Sarah, Abraham, and Isaac are buried



Hebron

- Num 13 – The home of descendants of Anak/Caleb's faithfulness
- Josh 14 – Caleb's inheritance
- Josh 20 – A city of refuge
- Josh 21 – A city for the Kohathites charged with caring for the most holy objects



2 Samuel 2:2-4

2 So David went there with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelite and Abigail, the widow of Nabal the Carmelite. 3 In addition, David brought the men who were with him, each one with his family, and they settled in the towns near Hebron. 4 Then the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. They told David, "It was the men of Jabesh-gilead who buried Saul."



Lamentations 3:22-24

22 Because of the LORD's faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end. 23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! 24 I say, "The LORD is my portion, therefore I will put my hope in him."



Psalm 78:4

4 We will not hide them from their children, but will tell a future generation the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, his might, and the wondrous works he has performed.



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Revelation 5:2-5

2 I also saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" 3 But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or even to look in it. 4 I wept and wept because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or even to look in it. 5 Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Look, the Lion from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered so that he is able to open the scroll and its seven seals."



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