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Introduction

David had reigned in Hebron over just Judah for 7 ½ years. Now he has finally just been proclaimed King over all Israel. His 1st act as King of all Israel was to take possession of the ancient city of Jerusalem.

The city technically belonged to Israel, but the Jebusites had dwelt there so long and had so increased that it was commonly called a city of the Jebusites.

They resented David's purpose and they defiled him with bitter words.
(Elaborate on vs 6)

Verse 10 says "*And David went on and grew great, and the LORD God of Hosts was with him.*"

I. WHAT DAVID DID. (Vs 10 "*And David went on...*")

If David had been looking for a place to quit, He could have easily found it. We've seen how he faced many trials and pitfalls along the way that would have caused **most folks** to just throw up their hands and quit. But not David, he **went on!**

One thing we find in common with some of the greatest men of Scripture is their **faithfulness and refusal to quit** in spite of great oppression.

Here we see it said of David that he "**went on**". There was no quit in him!

In the Book of Daniel we see it said of Daniel that he "**continued.**" Daniel 1:21 And **Daniel continued** even unto the first year of king Cyrus.

Paul states some of this same greatness in Abraham.
(**Romans 4:18-21**)

Paul exhibited this same greatness himself in spite of so many trials!
(**2 Timothy 3:10-11; 4:14-18**)

And then Paul exhorted Timothy to stick with it too!
(**2 Timothy 3:12-14**)

Back to David...Scripture says that "*David went on and grew great, and the LORD God of Hosts was with him.*"

A. David Went On With His Responsibility!

David knew that **what he had, God had given him!**

1. It Had Been A Long Wait, But His Time Had Finally Come!
2. It Appeared To Not Ever Going To Happen, But His Place Was Secured By God!
3. What God Had Given Him Came With A Great Responsibility!

B. We Need To Go On With Our Responsibility!

Every believer has God given responsibilities!
We may not have the same measure of responsibility as others, nevertheless God has given responsibilities to each of us!

We need to remember that rewards will be for faithfulness more than results.

C. David Went On In Spite Of Resistance!

He met much along the way

- a. Eliaib mocking him. (His brother, family)
- b. Goliath.
- c. Saul's threatening and attempts on his life.
- d. Jebusites here.
- e. The Philistines again and again.

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Many have ceased from going on who didn't have such resistance before them. **It don't take much for some to quit!**

D. David Went On Determined To Do Righteousness!

1. The Bible doesn't say that David perfect.
2. He was however a man after God's own heart. He sought the leading of God in public life, as well as private.
Example: Scripture says over and over that He **"enquired of the LORD"** at various times regarding what he should do.

Example: David went down and brought up the Ark of God to Jerusalem. (2 Samuel 6:12)

WHAT DAVID DID...He went on...

II. WHAT DAVID BECAME. Vs 10 "...and grew great..."

He started out as a lowly shepherd boy, then he became Musician to the King, then armor bearer to the King, then he went back to shepherding for a while, then he became a giant slayer, then he became a warrior for his people even as he was dodging Saul, then he became Judah's king and then ultimately he became the King of all of Israel!

A. David Became Great!

1. He Became Great In His Kingly Office!
2. He Became Great In His Honor – other nations gave him tribute!
3. He Became Great In His Victories!
4. He Also Became Great In The Eyes Of His Foes – They respected Him!

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B. Sadly, there are many who throw away splendid opportunities to become great for God, at least greater by far than what they are right now!

C. For some, the only greatness they'll ever achieve is becoming a **great fool** for limiting God like Israel did.

Psalm 78:41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

Psalm 106:7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea.

Psalm 106:24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land, they believed not his word:

Psalm 106:34 They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them:

D. Many fail to see how they can become great for God in many ways:

1. Becoming a great prayer warrior!
2. Becoming a great servant of the Lord!
3. Becoming a great witness!
4. Becoming a great supporter of the Church!
5. Becoming a great standard bearer!

E. Every person here can become great in some areas:
In Faith...In Love...In Dedication... In Purity!

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III. WHAT DAVID HAD. *Vs. 10 "...and the LORD of Hosts was with him."*

It matters not who else is with us if the LORD of Hosts is with us!

The only way for a man, a family, a Church or a nation to prosper is to secure the presence of the Lord!

2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

IV. HOW DID DAVID SECURE GOD'S PRESENCE?

- A. He Trusted God!
- B. He Acknowledged God!
- C. He Consulted God!
- D. He Obeyed God!

CONCLUSION

What are you doing with regard to God's will for your life?
Will you go on? Will you continue? Or will you quit?

We need to determine to fulfill God's will in and through our life and use all that God has given us to the best of our abilities with His help!