## BOOK OF 1 KINGS THE IMPACT GOD IN US CAN HAVE 1 KINGS 5:1-5

#### Introduction

One thing ywe will see about Solomon from reading about him in Scripture is that he was a builder! In this section, Solomon was about to undertake THE most important construction project of his life—the building of the Jewish Temple.

Chapter five gives us some of the events leading to the starting of this project. But in reality, this project actually began with Solomon's father, David!

We will see how David's life and relationships had a lasting impact that helped Solomon in this monumental task of building the Temple! I want us to see the impact that the LORD God in us can have!

# I. WE SEE THE LOVE AND RESPECT THAT HIRAM, KING OF TYRE, HAD FOR KING DAVID! (5:1)

**Hiram** was the king of *Tyre*. The word "*Tyre*" means "*rock*." The city was built upon a **rocky island**. **Hiram** was a Phoenician. The Phoenicians produced purple dye and fabrics; metal goods in silver, gold, iron, tin, and lead.

The wealth of the world flowed in and out of Tyre. Great warriors defended this place, but the Phoenicians were not worshipers of Jehovah God.

Yet we see that, David's life had a lasting impact on this king's life. This king loved David! The question in my mind as I was studying this was, "Why?". Inquiring minds want to know! Right?

Hold your place there and let's look at *2 Samuel 5:10-12*. This is the only time that Hiram is mentioned up until our text in *1 Kings 5*. (He is also mentioned in a parallel passage to *1 Kings 5* in *2 Chronicles 2*!)

Now, there doesn't appear to be much here at first glance, but I want you to **note two particular things that are stated here** that I believe shed some light into the answer to "Why" Hiram loved David.

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A. 2 Samuel 5:10 says "...and the LORD God of hosts was with him." speaking of the LORD being with David!

That is a very important statement. The LORD God was with him! That is the source of favor that David experienced in his dealings with Hiram! There is no favor like the favor that comes from the LORD!

When I saw this my mind went to another great example that can be seen in the life of Joseph when he was sold by his brothers into slavery and was carried into Egypt!

Genesis 39:2-3 "2 And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. 3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand."

Genesis 39:5 "...the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field."

Genesis 39:21 "But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison."

Genesis 39:23 "...because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper."

Not only do we see it in the life of Joseph, but also in Daniel!

Daniel 1:9 "Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs."

Daniel 6:3 "Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm."

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B. 2 Samuel 5:12—And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

Here we see an acknowledgment by David of the LORD's working in his life!

Is that important? Yes it is! That is humility and the fear of the LORD! The opposite of that is pride and self-exaltation!

Proverbs 22:4 By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and life.

Again, we see the same example in the life of Joseph! Genesis 41:52 "... For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction."

Genesis 45:8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

#### And we see it in the life of Daniel!

Daniel 2:20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:

Daniel 6:22 My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me:..."

So, out of Hiram's love for David, he showed favor for David's son, Solomon. The working of the LORD in David's life that brought him into favor with this king continued to have an impact on Hiram even after David was in the grave!

So we can note a great truth here. Our life lived for the LORD can have a great and lasting impact on the lives of others!

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When we have the LORD in our life and His Holy Spirit is filling our life, His working in our life can continue to impact and influence lives even after we're in the grave!

#### Hiram showed Solomon favor for David's sake!

Consider for a moment how many friends and loved ones have been saved after a Godly Christian went home to be with the Lord. (e.g. My Dad's friend who got saved at his funeral.)

When you are part of God's family... and not only that, but you are walking with Him and allowing Him to come shining through in your life, it can greatly affect others you come into contact with!

It allows you to leave a Godly legacy behind that can continue to have an impact on both your family as well as others!

Hiram was still impacted by David's life...and now Solomon his son was benefitted by that same impact!

**So,** WE SEE THE LOVE AND RESPECT THAT HIRAM, KING OF TYRE, HAD FOR KING DAVID! (5:1)

## II. WE SEE SOLOMON'S MESSAGE TO HIRAM TO GAIN HIS HELP! (Vs. 2-5)

There are **several key elements involved** in this message which show the wisdom that the LORD gave unto Solomon!

A. Knowing The Love That Hiram Had For His Father, Solomon Mentions David In His Message. (Vs 2-3)

God would not let David build His Temple because David was a man of war that had shed much blood! But that did not prevent David in the preparation process of what his son would do in his stead.

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Before his death, David began purchasing building materials had stocked many of the supplies needed until such time as God would allow Solomon to begin construction. (Look at 1 Chronicles 29:2)

It may have been known as Solomon's Temple, but God put the desire to build it on David's heart first and God gave the blue-print to David! (1 Chronicles 28:19)

David passed the plans to Solomon. (1 Chronicles 28:10-12)

- So, Knowing The Love That Hiram Had For His Father, Solomon Mentions David In His Message...
- B. Knowing The Peace That The LORD Had Given Him, Solomon Mentions That Peace! (Vs 4)

God gave peace and rest to Solomon! What a blessing! Just the sound of it is calming to the soul!

Well listen, God gives those of us who are His children peace and rest in our souls!

Many people are desperate to find peace and rest from the burden of the guilt of their sin that they carry, but they seek it in all the wrong places!

Isaiah 57:20-21—But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

Peace and rest are not found in liquor or drugs or anything else, but in Jesus Christ.

The burden of sin is too heavy for Jim Beam and Jack Daniels to do anything but make it worse!

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The only thing that Bud will make you wiser to is that it's not the answer and Miller will assure you of a low life not a high life!

The burden of sin is too heavy for marijuana, heroine, cocaine, or meth or any other drug to do anything but compound one's problems!

But it's not too heavy for Christ! He can lift sin's burden and give rest! Jesus said...

Matthew 11:28,29—Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

When you truly put your faith in Christ, along with it comes God's peace and His rest!

It's available when problems and trials come!

It's available when disappointments and heartaches come!

It's available in times of loneliness or in times of chaos and confusion!

#### **Conclusion**

The LORD God in David's life impacted King Hiram to have a love for him that eventually helped his son Solomon fulfill the task that the LORD told David to pass down to his son! What a remarkable story of the impact that God in us can have on one's life!