

Training to become Kings



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Qualifications for a King

³The God of Israel said, The
Rock of Israel spake to me,
He that ruleth over men
must be just, Ruling
in the fear of God.

-2 Samuel 23:3-





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Goals and Outcomes

Rulers Must Be:

- ☒ Just (righteous)
- ☒ Ruling in the fear of God

*Where is he
going to learn
these skills?*



God's Directive to Kings

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Divine Curriculum

¹⁸And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that **he shall write him a copy of this law in a book** out of that which is before the priests the Levites

-Deut 17:18-





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Curriculum

- ☒ The Law

*How will
he learn?*

Daily Bible Reading:

And it shall be with
him, and he shall
read therein all the
days of his life:

-Deut 17:19-

Psalm 97:7-8



Good enough for Jesus...

⁴The Lord Yahweh hath given me
the tongue of the learned, That I
should know how to speak a word
in season to him that is weary:

He wakeneth morning by
morning, He wakeneth mine ear
to hear as the learned.

-Isaiah 50:4-

Morning: When Jesus Studied



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Curriculum

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Daily Regiment:

- ☒ Always carry his Bible with him
- ☒ Must do his readings every day

Result:

- ☒ Learn to Fear Yahweh
- ☒ Keep all the words of the law
- ☒ Do them

This was how Jesus was trained!

Fear Yahweh & Do!

...that he may **learn to**
fear Yahweh his God, to
keep all the words of this
law and these statutes,
to **do them:**

-Deut 17:19-



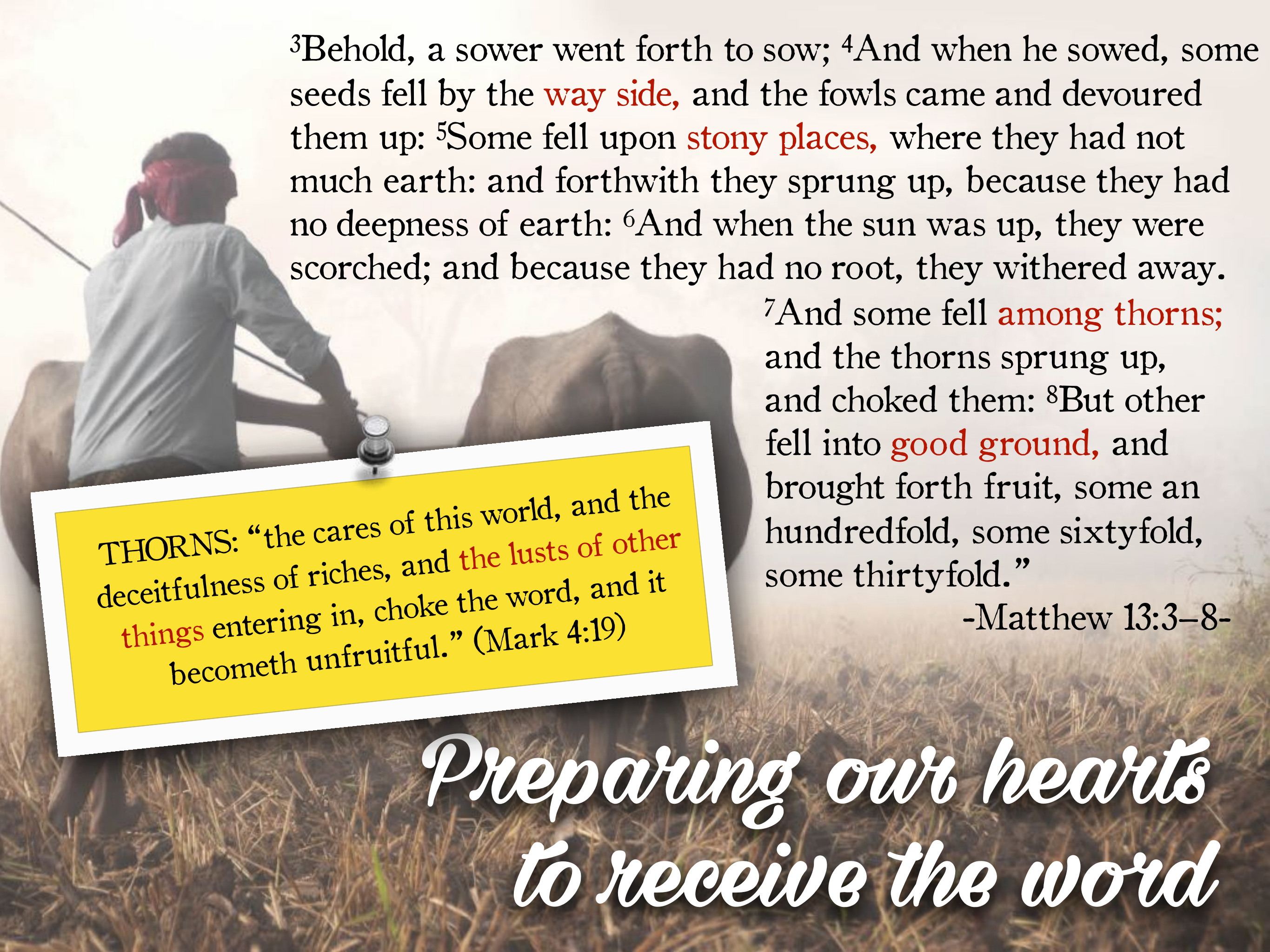
Break up our fallow ground

¹¹And Ephraim is as an **heifer that is taught**, and loveth to tread out the corn; But I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, And Jacob shall break his clods.

¹²**Sow to yourselves in righteousness, Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground: For it is time to seek Yahweh, Till he come and rain righteousness upon you.**

-Hosea 10:11–12-



A background image showing a man in a light blue shirt plowing a field with a wooden plow, guided by a large brown ox. The scene is set in a dry, hilly landscape under a bright sky.

³Behold, a sower went forth to sow; ⁴And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the **way side**, and the fowls came and devoured them up: ⁵Some fell upon **stony places**, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: ⁶And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

⁷And some fell **among thorns**; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: ⁸But other fell into **good ground**, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.”

-Matthew 13:3–8-

THORNS: “the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and **the lusts of other things** entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.” (Mark 4:19)

*Preparing our hearts
to receive the word*

Don't sow among thorns...

¹If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith Yahweh, **return unto me:** and if thou wilt **put away thine abominations** out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove. ²And thou shalt swear, Yahweh liveth, in **truth**, in **judgment**, and in **righteousness**; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory. ³For thus saith Yahweh to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, **Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.** ⁴**Circumcise yourselves to Yahweh, and take away the foreskins of your heart,** ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.

-Jeremiah 4:1-4-



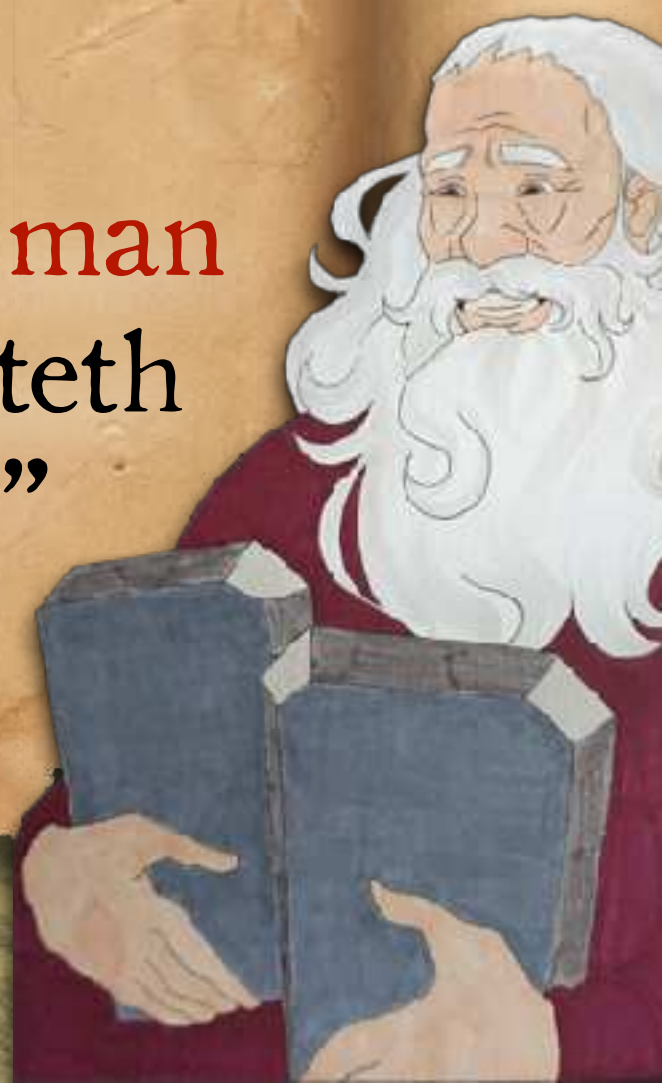
Fearing Yahweh

“Ye shall **fear every man his mother,**
and his father, and keep my sabbaths:
I am Yahweh your God.”

-Leviticus 19:3-

“Praise ye Yahweh. **Blessed is the man**
that feareth Yahweh, That delighteth
greatly in his commandments.”

-Psalm 112:1-





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Preparing our Hearts

Have to break up our fallow ground to receive word:

Requires us to:

- ☒ Prepare the ground
- ☒ Requires us to remove the thorns that will choke growth of the word
- ☒ Circumcise our hearts
- ☒ Break up the fallow ground so it can receive word
- ☒ Moisten it with the water of the word

Must Fear Yahweh

- ☒ Respect him the way we should our parents
- ☒ Fear = rejoicing in his commands

Don't be arrogant

That his heart

be not lifted up

above his brethren...

-Deut 17:20-

Proverbs 6:16-18

John 13:13-14

Exodus 16:20



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Isaiah 65:5

Romans 12:3

Philippians 2:3



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Divine Cautions

No Arrogance

- ☒ Heart Cannot be lifted up
- ☒ Cannot think of him self as "above" his brethren

Proverbs

- ☒ God hates pride

Exodus

- ☒ Being "lifted up" is like breeding maggots

Isaiah

- ☒ God hates a "holier than thou attitude"

Philippians

- ☒ We are to esteem others better than ourselves

Romans

- ☒ Not to think more highly of ourselves

Kings don't wander

...and that he **turn not aside** from the commandment, to the **right hand**, or to the **left**: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

-Deut 17:20-



Joshua 1:7



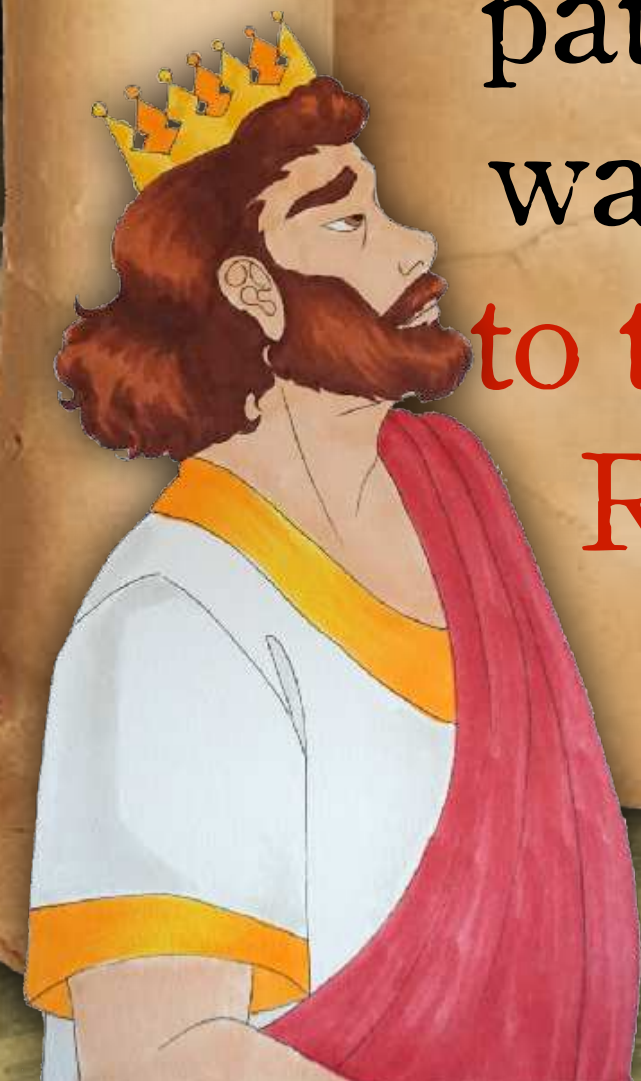
2 Kings 22:1-2

1 Kings 15:5

What that means to us:

²⁵Let thine eyes look right on,
And let thine eyelids look
straight before thee. ²⁶Ponder the
path of thy feet, And let all thy
ways be established. ²⁷Turn not
to the right hand nor to the left:
Remove thy foot from evil..

-Proverbs 4:25–27-





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Keeping on the Way

Kings don't wander

- ☑ Don't turn off the path
- ☑ Keep a balance of Mercy and Truth

Examples:

- ☑ Joshua
- ☑ David
- ☑ Josiah

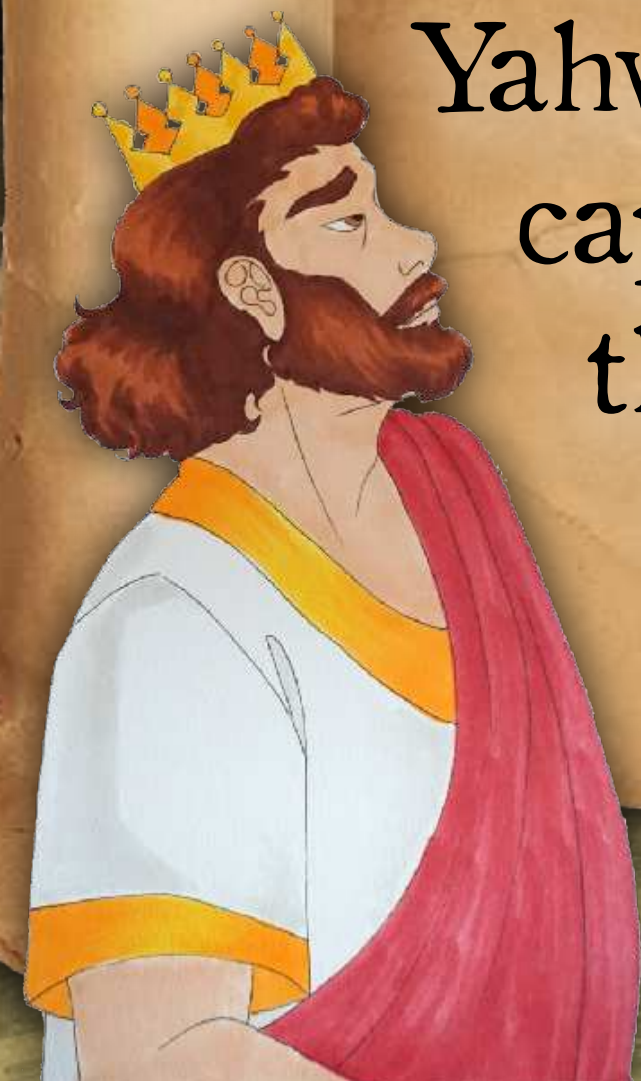
Keep our focus on the kingdom

- ☑ Think about what we **SEE**
- ☑ Think about where we **GO**
- ☑ **REMOVE** our feet from EVIL

Kings God Wants

But now thy kingdom shall not continue: **Yahweh hath sought him a man after his own heart, and Yahweh hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which Yahweh commanded thee.**

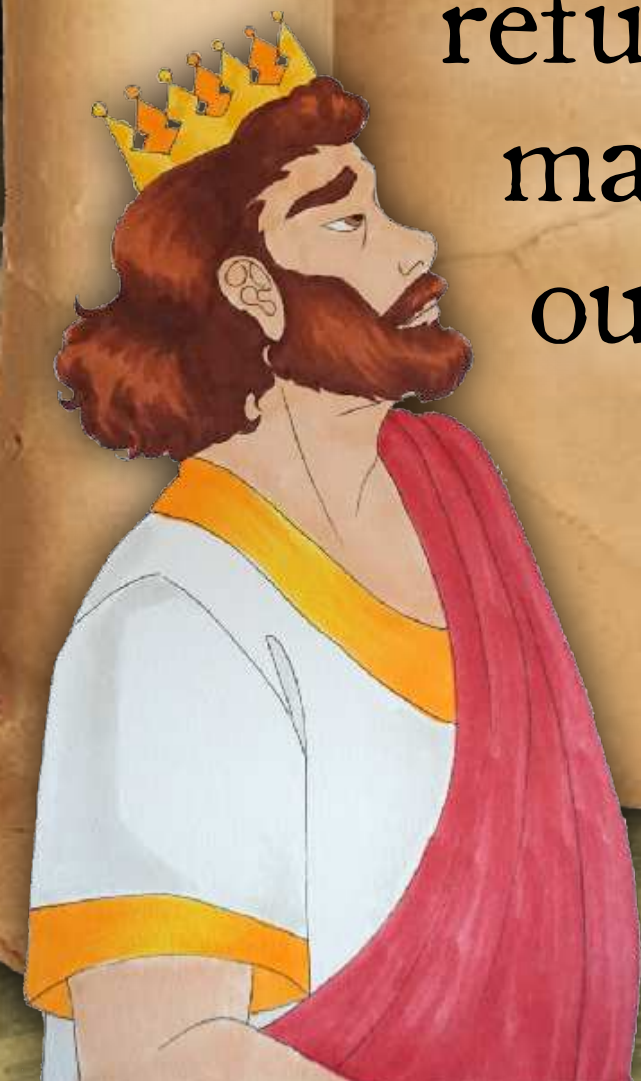
-1 Samuel 13:14-



Kings God Wants

But Yahweh said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for Yahweh seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but **Yahweh looketh on the heart.**”

-1 Samuel 16:7-





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King's God Wants

God's Choice in a King

- ☑ Somebody who is "after his own heart"
- ☑ Has his character
- ☑ Makes Choices like he would

God doesn't look on the outward appearance:

- ☑ Man looks at physical strength & Height
- ☑ God looks on the heart

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David's Instruction to Solomon



David's Instruction to Solomon



¹Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, ²I go the way of all the earth: **be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;...**

(1 Kings 2:1–4)

Be Strong!

And Jonathan Saul's son arose,
and went to David into the
wood, and **strengthened his
hand in God."**

-1 Samuel 23:16-

Something we help each other with



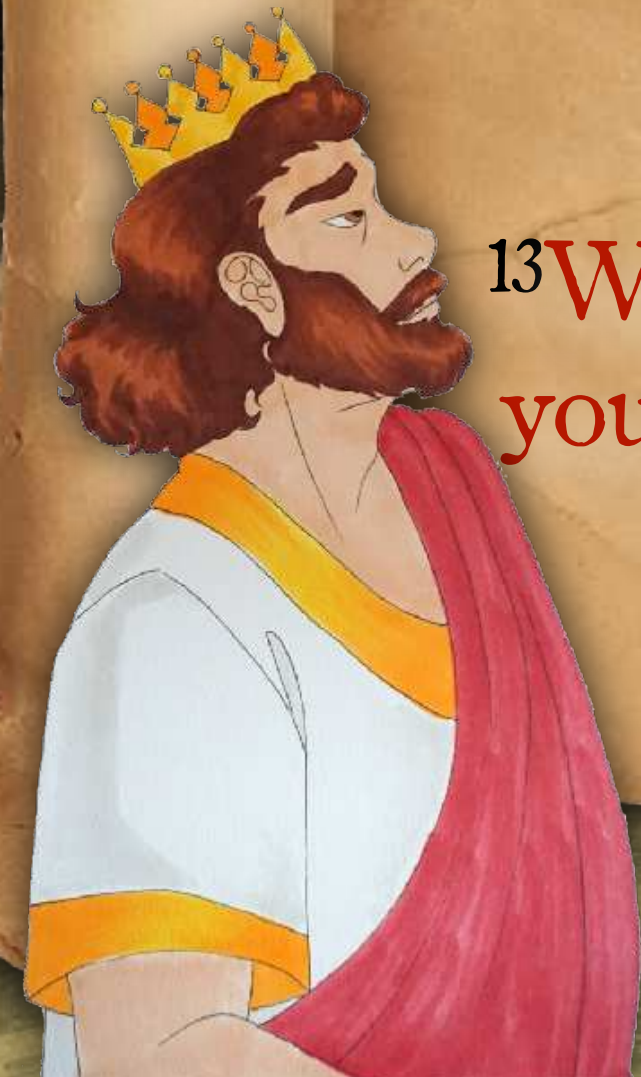
Be a Man!

When I was a child, I spake as a child,
I understood as a child, I thought as a
child: but **when I became a man,**
I put away childish things.

-1 Corinthians 13:11-

**¹³Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit
you like men, be strong. ¹⁴Let all your
things be done with love.”**

-1 Corinthians 16:13–14-



David's Instruction to Solomon



And **keep the charge of Yahweh** thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses

-1 Kings 2:3-

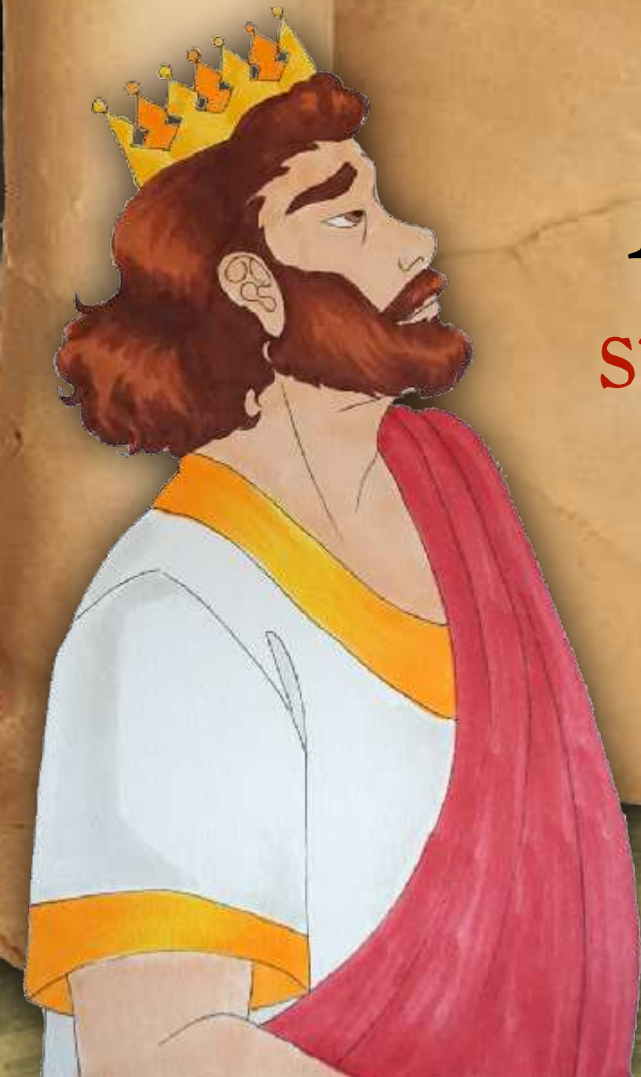
Keep the Charge

He that getteth wisdom loveth his own
soul: He that **keepeth understanding**
shall find good.”

-Proverbs 19:8-

And ye shall **observe to do all the
statutes and judgments** which I set
before you this day.”

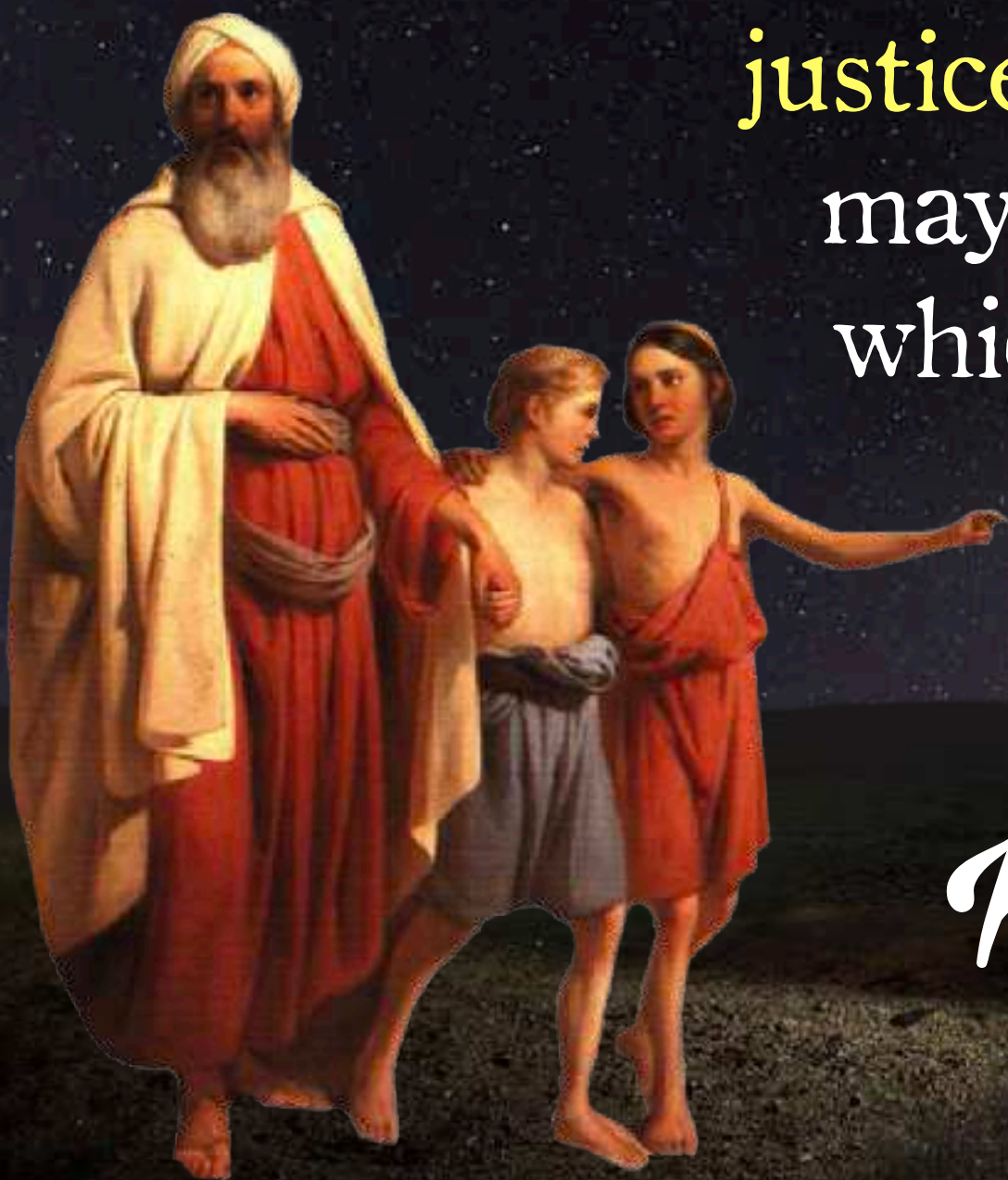
-Deuteronomy 11:32-



For I know him, that he will
command his children and his
household after him, and **they shall**
keep the way of Yahweh, to do
justice and judgment; that Yahweh
may bring upon Abraham that
which he hath spoken of him.”

-Genesis 18:18–19-

Keep the Charge



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-1 Kings 2:3-

Walk in His Ways

⁵This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”

-1 John 1:5-7-

Genesis 5:22

Genesis 6:9

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Elevate our Thinking

⁷Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts: And let him return unto Yahweh, and he will have mercy upon him; And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, Neither are your ways my ways, saith Yahweh. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are my ways higher than your ways, And my thoughts than your thoughts.”

-Isaiah 55:7–9-



Statutes

For Yahweh is our judge, **Yahweh is our lawgiver**, Yahweh is our king; he will save us.

-Isaiah 33:22-

Commandments

And it shall be our righteousness, if we **observe to do all these commandments** before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us.”

-Deuteronomy 6:25-



Judgments

¹Give the king thy judgments, O God, And thy righteousness unto the king's son. ²He shall judge thy people with righteousness, And thy poor with judgment. ³The mountains shall bring peace to the people, And the little hills, by righteousness. ⁴He shall judge the poor of the people, He shall save the children of the needy, And shall break in pieces the oppressor.

-Psalm 72:1-4-



Genesis 18:25

Messiah's Judgment

³And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of Yahweh: And **he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes**, Neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: ⁴But **with righteousness shall he judge the poor**, And **reprove with equity for the meek** of the earth: And he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, And with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

-Isaiah 11:3-4-



Psalm 19:9

Messiah's Judgment

I can of mine own self do nothing:
as I hear, I judge: and my judgment
is just; because I seek not mine own
will, but the will of the Father
which hath sent me.

-John 5:30-



Revelation 16:7

Law

According to the sentence of the law
which they shall teach thee,
and according to the judgment which
they shall tell thee, thou shalt do:
thou shalt not decline from the sentence
which they shall shew thee, to the
right hand, nor to the left.”

-Deuteronomy 17:11-



David's Instruction to Solomon



³**THAT** thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:

⁴That Yahweh may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, **If** thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.

(1 Kings 2:1-4)



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David's Instruction

Kings have to "show themselves to be men"

- ☒ keep the charge of Yahweh
- ☒ walk in his ways
- ☒ keep his statutes
- ☒ keep his commandments
- ☒ his judgments
- ☒ his testimonies

Messiah is our example

- ☒ Didn't judge after his own eyes
- ☒ Executed righteous judgment -because it was God's

Solomon's Request for Wisdom



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God's Offer

¹And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and Yahweh his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly....

⁷In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him,
Ask what I shall give thee.

-2 Chronicles 1:7-



Solomon's Request



⁸And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast shewed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead.

⁹Now, Yahweh God, let thy promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. ¹⁰**Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people, that is so great?"**

-2 Chronicles 1:7-

Wouldn't that be cool!

If any of you lack wisdom,
let him ask of God, that giveth
to all men liberally, and
upbraideth not; and it
shall be given him.”

-James 1:5-

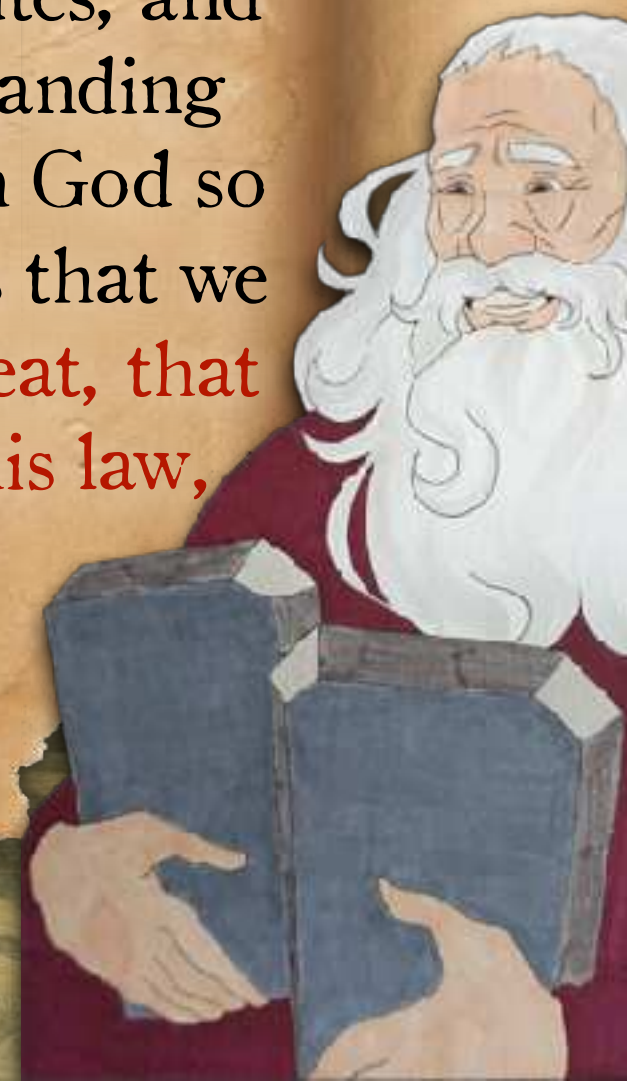


Daniel 1:17

Accessible to us:

⁵Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as Yahweh my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. ⁶Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. ⁷For what nation is there so great, who hath God so nigh unto them, as Yahweh our God is in all things that we call upon him for? ⁸And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?"

-Deuteronomy 4:5-8-



Wouldn't that be cool!

Study to shew thyself
approved unto God,

a workman that needeth not to
be ashamed, rightly dividing
the word of truth.

-2 Timothy 2:15-





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Solomon's Wisdom

God Made an Offer to Solomon

- ☒ Ask for what you want from me...

Solomon asked God for:

- ☒ Wisdom
- ☒ Knowledge
- ☒ So that he could judge God's people

Same Wisdom is Available to Us

- ☒ Have to Ask in Faith
- ☒ God will Give it To Us
- ☒ Available through Bible Study

Next Class: Priests

