# Home Duties

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## THE SABBATH SCHOOL

**International Lesson Comments for September 13.**

**Subject: David Becomes King, 2 Sam. ii., 1-10—Golden Text: Psa. 133-1—Memory Verses, 1-3—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.**

I. David anointed king at Hebron (vs. 1-7). "1. After this." After the death of Saul and his sons. "Inquired of the Lord." By means of Abiathar the priest who was with David during his fugitive life. "At that decisive turning point in his life, David wished to know the will of the Lord. He saw that the promise of the kingdom was now to be fulfilled to him. As he could no longer remain in the land of the Philistines, but must return to his own country, and as the northern part of the land was held by the Philistines, the return to the territory of his own tribe was most natural; for there, where he had a long time found refuge (1 Sam. 22:5) he might count out a large following, and firm support and protection against the remains of Saul's army under Abner." "Cities of Judah." It would be useless to think of undertaking to assume control of the country in the northern part of the kingdom, as that was in the hands of the Philistines, and David was in no position to drive them out. "Go up." "Going up" meant assuming royal authority. God's answer was immediate and clear. David's decision, guided by God, was to establish himself as the king at once. "Unto Hebron." One of the most ancient cities of the world. "The central position of Hebron in the tribe of Judah, its mountainous and defensible situation, its importance as a priestly settlement and an ancient royal city, the patriarchal associations connected with it, combined to render it the most suitable capital for the new kingdom. In its neighborhood, moreover, David had spent a considerable part of his fugitive life and gained many supporters. See 1 Sam. 30, 31."

2. "So David went up." It may be well to note some of the leading elements which we discern in David's life and character as he enters upon his new life. "He had, 1. A vivid sense of God's presence. 2. Personal prowess. 3. Promptitude in all his movements. 4. A patience that was sublime. 5. An affectionate heart. 6. A cool head and a steady nerve. 7. Wide experience. 8. A heart loyal to God. This loyalty was so intense that his cause and God's cause became identical, and he could not readily distinguish between God's enemies and his own; and in spite of all his sins and blunders, this must impress every impartial reader as the leading characteristic of King David. "Thither." We are to think of this journey as a march of an army, or, rather, the migration of a large company of guerillas. There were few household effects and few women and children in the company; it was made up of bronzed youths inured to hardship, among whom rank and fame were secured by daring deeds rather than by anything comparable to modern military skill.

3. 4. "His men." The six hundred men of his chosen band. "With his household." There was to be no more roaming in exile, but each one was to settle down to the duties of a peaceful and quiet life. "Cities of Hebron." The small towns which surrounded Hebron. "Men of Judah." The elders of Judah, the official representatives of the tribe. "Anointed." He had been privately anointed by Samuel, by which he acquired a right to the kingdom. The other parts of the kingdom were, as yet, attached to the family of Saul.

5. "David sent messengers." This was David's first act as king, and it was worthy of him. He had been informed of the manner in which the Philistines had carried away the bodies of Saul and his sons after the battle. He had also been told that the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead had sent forth a party by night and had taken the bodies from the wall and carried them safely to their own town and buried them. "Blessed be ye." David respected Saul as his once legitimate sovereign; he loved Jonathan as his most intimate friend. Saul had greatly injured David, but that did not cancel his respect for him as the anointed of God, and as the king of Israel. No mean spirit of revenge found place in his breast. He showed also that he had no wish or intention to punish Saul's adherents, but was kindly disposed toward them.

6, 7. "Will requite you." Will show you this kindness; that is, the attention and honor shown in the blessings I give you through these messengers. "Be ye valiant." Be of good courage; be strong and show yourselves brave men. "Saul is dead." And therefore ye are without a king unless ye acknowledge me, as the house of Judah has done.

II. Ish-bosheth king over Israel (vs. 8-10). 8. "Ish-bosheth." Saul's fourth and only surviving son. He was a mere tool in the hands of Abner. Abner was a great general, and if Ish-bosheth, who was a weak man, could be made king, Abner would be almost supreme. "Mahanaim." Abner chose this town because it was on the eastern side of the Jordan, and so beyond the range of the Philistines, who never seemed to have crossed the river.

9. "Made him king." Here was the establishment of a rival kingdom, which probably would have had no existence but for Abner. He was cousin to Saul. Loyalty to the house of his late master was mixed up with opposition to David, and views of personal ambition in his originating this factious movement. He, too, was alive to the importance of securing the eastern tribes. "Gilead." The land beyond Jordan. "Ashurites." The tribe of Ashur in the extreme north. "Jezreel." The extensive valley bordering on the central tribes. "Ephraim . . . Benjamin." These tribes, which had not yet been conquered by the Philistines, holding no doubt to the house of Saul. "Over all Israel." The majority of Israel, not of Judah.

10. "Reigned two years." Five years and more had passed since the death of Saul, and Abner now proclaimed Ish-bosheth king of Israel, and thought himself powerful enough to reduce Judah to obedience. David seems to have been anointed very soon after Saul's death, but it must have taken Abner some time to gather up the scattered army and recover from the defeat and losses of Gilboa, where Saul and his three sons died, sufficiently to attend to the inauguration of Ish-bosheth.

III. David king over all Israel (5: 1-10). After Abner and Ish-bosheth were assassinated, the tribes of Israel came to David, through their elders, and urged him to become king over all Israel. They gave good reasons for this: 1. David was one of their race. 2. He had shown himself worthy. 3. He was divinely appointed. 4. He understood the duties of a king. David was then anointed king over all Israel. This was his third anointing. The king then went to Jerusalem to reign.

### Fortune in Old Clock.

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To this letter he received no answer, and so disappointed was he that from that time until his death, which occurred recently, he shut himself up in his home and lived like a hermit. Most of his time was spent in reading, and the day after his funeral the heirs began to search the books in his library, for they thought it quite possible that the eccentric old man might have hidden some bank notes in them.

They found none, but in a tattered old pamphlet they found another kind of note, the love letter which was written fifty years ago, and which the writer had forgotten to mail.

### Taking Life Too Seriously.

Taking life too seriously is said to be an especially American failing. This may be true; but, judging from appearances, it would seem to be world-wide, for, go where you may, you will find the proportion of serious, not to say anxious, faces ten to one as compared with the merry or happy ones. If "the outer is always the form and shadow of the inner" and if "the present is the fulness of the past and the herald of the future" (and how can we doubt it?), how many sad histories can be read in the faces of those we meet every day! The pity of it is, too, that the sadness is a self-woven garment, even as is the joy with which it might be replaced. Ruskin says: "Girls should be sunbeams not only to members of their own circle, but to everybody with whom they come in contact. Every room they enter should be brighter for their presence." Why shouldn't all of us be sunbeams, boys as well as girls, all along the way from twenty-five years and under to eighty-five years and over?

### The Coach Still in Favor.

There is something delightfully reposeful and old-fashioned about driving on a coach. The gentle crawl of the team is possibly delightful after a long course of whizzing through the air on one's friends' motors. We live and move in such a distracting hurry that I foresee a time when a reaction will set in and we shall look upon the Chinaman who tears up railways and telegraphs and lives on tea and rice with far greater respect that we now bestow on the energetic inventors of mechanical and electrical horrors. If proof were needed of how tired we have grown of motoring it would be found in the rapture with which people accept invitations to drive on a coach. Nobody says "Thank you" to an offer to mote down to Ranelagh on a grilling day in a cloud of dust, but most people will take a considerable amount of trouble to angle for an invitation to proceed thither by coach, more especially if occasion favors them with an opportunity of displaying themselves previously at a meet of the club in Hyde Park.

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