

David's Last Words 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Introduction:

1. We have record of the last words of King David (vs. 1). It appears that “*last words*” refers to the last words that he spoke as a prophet by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. vs. 2
2. There is so much from David’s life that the Holy Spirit could have inspired David to talk about: his exploits over the giant (Goliath), his kindness to Mephibosheth, his royal city he built, overcoming King Saul’s vicious attacks, the deliverance from Absalom, etc.
3. But David did not talk about any of those things that **he** had done or accomplished. He talked about the covenant of salvation that God had graciously made with him. We studied this incredible covenant in 2 Samuel 7.
4. It involved the promise of a literal, physical, earthly kingdom and throne with a literal, physical descendant from David ruling on the throne.
5. God would become flesh and be born of David’s seed (Matthew 1:1), and all three promises contained in the Davidic covenant will be fulfilled in Jesus Christ.
6. In Luke 1:30-33, every one of the promises in the Davidic covenant was reiterated and confirmed.
 - The promise of a seed – “...*his father David...over the **house** of Jacob...*”
 - The promise of a kingdom – “...*and of his **kingdom** there shall be no end.*”
 - The promise of a throne – “...*the Lord God shall give unto him the **throne** of his father David.*”
7. All of prophecy points to the day when Christ will return to this earth, will reign on the Davidic throne, and establish a righteous political government over all the earth. He will bring salvation to Israel and to the earth. Isaiah 25:9, 45:17, 46:13, 52:10; Jeremiah 23:5-6
8. As David knows that death is fast approaching, his last words see him reiterating God’s promises contained in this covenant of salvation and clinging to them.
 - Christ will return and rule and reign. vs. 3-4
 - God’s promises are sure and will not fail. vs. 5
 - Evil men will be judged and righteousness will prevail. vs. 6-7
9. Today, evil and sin still abound on this earth. But God is providing for **us** a covenant of salvation that resides within our hearts. God is bringing His salvation, righteousness, and peace to individual hearts through His Son’s finished work on the cross.
10. As David talks about the promise of his salvation that was to come (the kingdom on earth at Christ’s return), we can make application to the promise of salvation that we have as a present possession in Christ.

First, David's salvation was ordered. vs. 5

1. The salvation that God will provide to Israel and the earth at His Second Coming is ordered. That is, it has been carefully planned and arranged for by God. The prophets speak of God's plan in detail.
2. In the same way, salvation's plan for us today was not an afterthought in the mind of God. God did not look down at a world in rebellion against Christ, wring His hands, and wonder what to do to save sinners.
3. Salvation's plan was already well ordered and thought out by God. Ephesians 3:11; Acts 13:27-29; 1 Peter 1:19-20
 - This is how the prophets could write in detail about Christ years before He was ever born in Bethlehem.
4. God's heart is always to save sinners, so Christ came into the world with a well-ordered purpose – to accomplish the payment for sin so sinners could be justly forgiven and saved. 1 Timothy 1:15, 2:4-6
5. Hidden in the mind of God was the dispensation of grace we enjoy today. God knew what He would do, but kept it a secret until the "*due time*." Now "*every man*" can be saved, because it was all well-ordered by God. Colossians 1:26-28

Second, David's salvation was sure.

1. David said it was "*ordered in all things, and sure...*"
2. David had God's Word and God's promise on it. 2 Samuel 7:27-28
3. Have you ever asked a person the question, "If you died, do you know for sure that you would go to heaven?" Sometimes you get answers like, "I hope I make it; nobody can know that for sure; I guess I'll find out when I die." These are sad answers.
4. There is not a more important subject in the universe than where your soul will spend eternity. There are only two options – heaven, or the lake of fire.
5. Eternity is a long time. Something **that** important, God desires that you know for sure. David said that his salvation was sure. In the same way, God desires that you be sure of your salvation.
6. A person may say, "Nobody can know for sure." People are funny. They know they are going to die. They may even know which city and which cemetery they will be buried in, and even which lot. But they don't know where their soul will spend eternity. 1 John 5:13
7. I know my salvation is "*sure*" for three reasons:
 - The Father provided for my salvation.
 - How? He gave His Son. John 3:16; 1 John 4:9, 14
 - Jesus paid for my salvation. 1 Timothy 2:6; Galatians 1:4; Romans 5:8
 - He didn't offer a partial payment, but a **full** payment for sin's price. Salvation is a gift that has already been paid for by Christ. Romans 6:23
 - The Holy Spirit protects my salvation (we will cover this in our next point).
8. Isn't it interesting that we see all three members of the God-head in our text.

- The Spirit of the Lord (God the Holy Spirit) – vs. 2
- The God of Israel (God the Father) – vs. 3a
- The Rock of Israel (God the Son) – vs. 3b; cf. 1 Corinthians 10:4

Third, David's salvation was everlasting.

1. God's promise to David of salvation for his seed and an everlasting kingdom was an everlasting covenant. cf. 2 Samuel 7:16, 24
2. Likewise, since God gave us salvation through Jesus Christ, we don't have to worry about God changing His mind. We have eternal life as a present possession, and we have God's promise on it. Titus 1:2
3. The eternal life we have in Christ is a gift (Romans 6:23). You don't work to earn a gift, or it is no longer a gift. Likewise, you cannot work to earn your salvation, nor can you work to keep it. The same God that saved me by His grace will keep it by His grace.
4. How does God keep our salvation? He does this through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Ephesians 1:13-14; cf. 4:30
5. A seal was a:
 - Sign of ownership – **Illustration:** farmers branding animals
 - Sign of security – When a person in authority put his seal on something, it was a done deal and nothing could change it.
6. There are those who say, "You believe that salvation is just a license to sin."
 - **Illustration:** How many of you have health insurance? Because you have life insurance, does that mean that you are going to chew on razor blades and drink hydrochloric acid?
7. Salvation is eternal but is not viewed by a believer as a license to sin. It is a high and noble calling.

Fourth, David's salvation was personal.

1. Notice in verse 5 the personal pronouns that David used when describing this incredible covenant of salvation that God had provided for him. "*Yet he hath made with me... for this is all my salvation, and all my desire...*"
2. David says at the beginning of verse 5, "*Although my house be not so with God...*" Many of David's children, grandchildren, and family were not in a right relationship with God. But David says, "...yet he hath made with me..." Salvation is personal.
3. When God delivers the nation of Israel and brings national salvation to them at His Second Coming, it will only be for the believing remnant. Past believers of Israel, like David, will be resurrected to also live in that glorious kingdom.
4. Nobody will be in that everlasting kingdom simply because they were David's son, daughter, or descendant.
5. There were Jews in Christ's day who thought that because they were Abraham's seed, they were automatically right with God (John 8:33, 39). Jesus told them that they were of their father, the devil. John 8:44

6. Nobody is saved based on what family they were born in, or what their parents did, said, or were. Corruption runs in the blood, not salvation. Salvation is a gift that is given by God to individuals who receive it. It is between you and God.
7. Nobody can get saved for you – it is personal. You don't get salvation by going through the church or confessing your sins to me or anybody else. You get it directly from God.

Fifth, David's salvation was fulfilling.

1. Notice David said, "...*this...is all my desire.*" David is saying, "As long as I have the covenant of salvation that God promised, I have enough. I desire no more."
2. The salvation that comes from God is fulfilling. One day, when it is our time to die and leave this world, our houses, cars, bank accounts, boats, TVs, cell phones, video games, etc. won't comfort us or fulfill us one bit.
3. Our comfort and our fulfillment will come from the covenant of salvation that God has promised us. Psalm 27:1
4. "It matters not what you lose if you save your soul; it matters not what you save, if you lose your soul."