

## **Title: BIBLE KINGS AS OUR GODLY EXAMPLES**

**Text: I Tim. 6:11; I Pet. 2:9; Rev. 5:10**

**Intro:** The Christian is a king-priest in the making quite similar to the status of Melchizedek! Think of the implications! It is God's priority to build royal and holy character in His people who will bring Him honor and praise. God is glorified through people of godly character and example. We shall now take a brief look at five great kings of Judah whom God used for His glory and set for us as godly examples:

### **I. DAVID, A King With a Heart Like God's**

A. He slayed Goliath in God's name (I Sam. 17).

B. He forgave his wicked enemies (Acts 13:22).

C. Though he was not Israel's 1st king, David became the standard of all the kings that followed him: [See SOLOMON (I Kgs. 11:6); ASA (I Kgs. 15:11); AMAZIAH (II Kgs. 14:3a); AHAZ (II Kgs. 16:2); HEZEKIAH (II Chron. 29:2); JOSIAH (II Chron. 34:2); etc.

D. He was a sweet singer of Israel and composed most of the 150 Psalms.

E. To this day he is a revered patriarch of Israel.

### **II. SOLOMON, A King With Heavenly Wisdom**

A. He demonstrated vast knowledge about God's creatures and spoke of many wise proverbs and composed many songs, etc. (I Kgs. 4:32-34).

B. He prayed prayers of faith which the Lord instantly answered (II Chron. 7:12; I Kgs. 8).

C. He built a temple for the glory and honor of the Lord (I Kgs. 6:1).

### **III. HEZEKIAH, A King With A Bold Testimony**

A. He lived a righteous life before God and did not fear what men can do to him (II Kgs. 18:3).

B. He purged Judah of idolatry (II Kgs. 18:4).

C. He restored the worship of God and set his kingdom and people in order (II Chron. 31:2-4).

### **IV. JOSIAH, A King With Right Convictions**

A. He did right in the sight of God and not just of men (II Kgs. 22:2).

B. He purged idolatry from the kingdom of Judah (II Chron. 34:3, 5).

C. He made the worship of the true God a high priority of his people (II Chron. 34:8, 33).

### **V. JESUS, the King Who Was So Humble**

A. He was subject and obedient to His parents when He was a child (Luke 2:51).

B. He grew in all aspects of life and in a perfect, balanced maturity (Luke 2:52).

C. He put the Father's will first above all His earthly occupation (John 6:38).

D. He became obedient to the Father's will even unto His death on the cross (Phil. 2:8).

E. He is the soon coming King of Kings and Lord of Lords! (Rev. 19:16).

**Conclusion:** Friend, if you are truly saved and born again, God has appointed you for glory like these great Bible kings. When Christ returns, He will share His glory with all true believers who have faithfully served and suffered for His sake (**Pet. 4:13**). If you are unsaved, then it is time to seek the Lord now!