2009 Kings Study, Lesson 1

SHOW YOURSELF A MAN

1 Kings Chapters 1-2

Key Verses 2:2-3

I.  David Makes Solomon King (1:1-53)

1. Read verses 1-6. Why might people think that David had become powerless and even senile? Who was Adonijah? Why might he have become proud and self-confident? What did he decide to do?

2. Who supported Adonijah and who did not? (7-8) Who did he invite to his party and who did he leave out? (9-10) What was his purpose in throwing this big party? (5)

3. To whom did Nathan go for help? Why? (11-21) What did she do and why might this be difficult for her? Why did Nathan want to establish Solomon as king? (24-27; 13,17; 1 Ch 22:9-10) How did David show he was still in charge? What commands did he give to whom Why did Nathan want to establish Solomon as king? (13,17) (1 Ch 22:9,10) Whom did David want to establish as king? What command did he give Zadok, Nathan and Benaiah? (28-37)

3. How was Solomon established as the king over Israel? How did the people respond? (38-40) How did Adonijah and his followers hear the news? What did they do? (41-53) Think about the difference between one who is raised up by others and one who raises up himself.

II.  Solomon’s Throne Established (2:1-46)

4. What charge did David give Solomon? (1-4) What kind of man did he want Solomon to be? How can one become brave, courageous and prosperous? What advice did David give Solomon regarding certain people? (5-9) What brought about peace and stability to the nation? (10-12)

5. Why was Adonijah put to death? (13-25) How did King Solomon deal with the priest, Abiathar? Why? (26-27)

6. How did Joab interfere with David’s policy regarding defeated opponents? (2:5-6, 1 Sa 3:22-39) What was David’s policy? How did Solomon deal with Joab? What was the reason? (28-35) Why was Shimei eventually put to death? (8,36-46a) Think about some elements of Joab’s/Shimei’s character which might be in our community and/or in us.

7. How was the kingdom established after these national problems were resolved? (46b)  In light of this, what must we do to firmly establish our families, church, and nation?