

**TITLE AND NUMBER:** 212 The last words of David



**REFERENCE AND KEY VERSES:** 2 Samuel 23:1-5

These are the last words of David: 'The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse, the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High, the man anointed by the God of Jacob, the hero of Israel's songs:

'The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me; his word was on my tongue. The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me: 'When one rules over people in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God, he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth.'

'If my house were not right with God, surely he would not have made with me an everlasting covenant, arranged and secured in every part; surely he would not bring to fruition my salvation and grant me my every desire.'

### What does the Bible passage tell us?

We know the stories concerning David, how he was the youngest of Jesse's sons who 'just looked after sheep.' However, he was anointed by God through the prophet Samuel to become the King of Israel instead of Saul (1 Samuel 16). David is famous for defeating the giant named Goliath with a sling and one of the five stones he had taken with him (1 Samuel 17). David was not perfect by any means. However, when he repented, he discovered that God would forgive him in spite of the harmful things he had done. In the New Testament, David is described as a 'man after God's own heart. From David's descendants God has brought to Israel the Saviour Jesus as he promised' (Acts 13:22-23).

There are 150 psalms in the Bible and David wrote half of them, including the well-known Psalm 23. I love the fact that David says it as it is; sadness, anger, joy, the wonder of creation, the majesty and amazing power of God. Through all of the Psalms, we learn about the goodness and kindness of God to the world and to us individually.

David's son, King Solomon, wrote, 'Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people' (Proverbs 14:34). In spite of our sin, God is willing to forgive. However, there are consequences of turning our backs on God and all that Jesus did for us on the cross. Let us, like David, declare the goodness of God by the way we live. May the Holy Spirit help us to live our lives in a way that demonstrates God's love for everyone. May what God said to David in this passage be true of us individually, the church and our nation.

### Reflection

- What a privilege that God can use us to demonstrate His goodness to everyone. How can the Holy Spirit help us to share the Good News of Jesus by our words and actions?
- Perhaps you can take an opportunity this week to tell someone about Jesus and what He means to you.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



# FORGIVENESS

Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

