1 Kings Chapter 2 Questions

Verses 1-4

1. King David is coming to the end of his life. He charges or commands Solomon before God. What is he charging Solomon and why?

Verses 5-9

- 2. What instructions does King David give Solomon concerning Joab and why?
- 3. Instructions for dealing with Barzilla and Shimei. Two different men, different instructions. What wisdom can we learn from King David's instructions on how to deal with different situations?

Verses 10-12

4. King David's life and reign have come to an end. King Solomon's kingdom is established "greatly." What does that word mean? Looking back over King David's reign, what did you learn about handling life's situations?

Verses 13-18

- 5. What is Adonijah's purpose here and why does he ask Bath-sheba to speak for him? Verses 19-25
- 6. Notice the respect in which King Solomon deals with his mother. How do you feel about verse 20 where Bath-sheba asks Solomon?
- 7. How do you feel about the way in which Solomon deals with this problem? Verses 26-27
- 8. Solomon deals now with Abiathar, the priest. Explain how Solomon's actions "fulfill the word of the Lord, which he spake concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh."

Verses 28-35

- 9. The sad end of Joab's life. Where is he in the Tabernacle and what altar is he holding onto and why?
- 10. Why does Benaiah need to go back to King Solomon?
- 11. Explain Solomon's reasons and why.

Verses 36-38

12. Solomon deals with Shimei. What does he do and are those the instructions given to him by King David?

Verses 39-46

- 13. The final end of Shimei. Why does Shimei leave and feel free to break his oath?
- 14. Perfect example of a life that "reaps what it sows." What does King Solomon mean when he says, "Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father."
- 15. As King Solomon begins his reign, has he followed the instructions of his father King David?