

- I. Read 1 Kings 2:1-27**
- II. Define unknown words**
- III. Answer the following questions**

Comprehension

1. Where in the Bible does God promise to David that there would not fail to be a man from his line on the throne?
2. What is a “hoar head”?
3. Why did David exhort Solomon to kill Joab?
4. Unto whom did David ask Solomon to show kindness? Why?
5. How long did David reign over Israel? How many years in Hebron? How many in Jerusalem?
6. Why did Adonijah go to Bathsheba with his request rather than directly to Solomon?
7. What was Adonijah’s request of Solomon?
8. What was Solomon’s response to Adonijah’s request? Why?
9. What did Solomon then do to Abiathar the priest after killing Adonijah?
10. What prophecy did Abiathar’s removal from the priesthood fulfill?

Discussion Opportunities

The following topics are intended to present opportunities for relevant spiritual discussions among the families of the church. These are written as “leading questions”, and are not intended to be “answered” as much as “discussed”. Feel free to add other discussion topics, and be sure to mention them in Sunday School!

1. David’s first exhortation to Solomon was to “shew thyself a man”, and continues this context with exhortations unto obedience and submission to God. Obedience and submission are not characteristics that typically define “manliness” in our age. Discuss the contrast between how the Bible defines “manliness” and how the world defines “manliness”

2. David’s next exhortation to Solomon was to show mercy or to put to death various people. Discuss why it is that Solomon and David could put men to death and it not be murder. Discuss if and when such decisions by those in authority might be necessary.

3. Abiathar was removed from the priesthood for his unfaithfulness to the line of David. Abiathar was the last of the line of Eli to serve in the priesthood, better than 150 years earlier. Discuss the nature of the sowing and reaping principle as we see it applied here. What can we learn about the nature of God’s promises? What can we learn about generational responsibilities? Can children suffer for the decisions of their parents and grandparents? Is this different than God judging children for the sins of their parents?