

## True Security

### 1 Kings 2

This passage reveals how God's Kingdom and our lives are made secure. Key verse:

*The kingdom was now firmly established in Solomon's hands.*

1 Kings 2:46b (New International Version)

#### ➤ **WE EXPERIENCE SECURITY THROUGH OUR OBEDIENCE.**

*When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son. <sup>2</sup>"I am about to go the way of all the earth," he said. "So be strong, act like a man, <sup>3</sup>and observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in obedience to him, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and regulations, as written in the Law of Moses. Do this so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go <sup>4</sup>and that the LORD may keep his promise to me: 'If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.'"*

1 Kings 2:1-4 (New International Version)

- God's Word is: **clear, available** and **beneficial**.

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.* 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

- God promises security to those who obey His Word.

*"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock."* Matthew 7:24-25 (NIV)

- **Principle:** Obedience is the internal means of security.
- **Application:** Where am I engaging God's Word? Where has God been speaking to me? What are steps of obedience that I can begin to take to discover God's blessings?

#### ➤ **WE EXPERIENCE SECURITY WHEN THREATS TO GOD'S RULE ARE NEUTRALIZED.**

*"Now you yourself know what Joab son of Zeruiah did to me—what he did to the two commanders of Israel's armies, Abner son of Ner and Amasa son of Jether. He killed them, shedding their blood in peacetime as if in battle, and with that blood he stained the belt around his waist and the sandals on his feet. <sup>6</sup>Deal with him according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to the grave in peace. <sup>7</sup>"But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai of Gilead and let them be among those who eat at your table. They stood by me when I fled from your brother Absalom. <sup>8</sup>"And remember, you have with you Shimei son of Gera, the Benjamite from Bahurim, who called down bitter curses on me the day I went to Mahanaim. When he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD: 'I will not put you to death by the sword.'<sup>9</sup>But now, do not consider him innocent. You are a man of*

*wisdom; you will know what to do to him. Bring his gray head down to the grave in blood."<sup>10</sup>Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David.*

1 Kings 2:5-10 (NIV)

- Solomon removed the threats based on instructions from the word of God.
- These men were threats to God's perpetual dynasty. The biggest threat came from Solomon's brother.

*Now Adonijah, the son of Haggith, went to Bathsheba, Solomon's mother. Bathsheba asked him, "Do you come peacefully?" He answered, "Yes, peacefully."<sup>14</sup>Then he added, "I have something to say to you." "You may say it," she replied. <sup>15</sup>"As you know," he said, "the kingdom was mine. All Israel looked to me as their king. But things changed, and the kingdom has gone to my brother; for it has come to him from the LORD. <sup>16</sup>Now I have one request to make of you. Do not refuse me." "You may make it," she said. <sup>17</sup>So he continued, "Please ask King Solomon—he will not refuse you—to give me Abishag the Shunammite as my wife."<sup>18</sup>"Very well," Bathsheba replied, "I will speak to the king for you."<sup>19</sup>When Bathsheba went to King Solomon to speak to him for Adonijah, the king stood up to meet her, bowed down to her and sat down on his throne. He had a throne brought for the king's mother, and she sat down at his right hand. <sup>20</sup>"I have one small request to make of you," she said. "Do not refuse me." The king replied, "Make it, my mother; I will not refuse you."<sup>21</sup>So she said, "Let Abishag the Shunammite be given in marriage to your brother Adonijah."<sup>22</sup>King Solomon answered his mother, "Why do you request Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? You might as well request the kingdom for him—after all, he is my older brother—yes, for him and for Abiathar the priest and Joab son of Zeruiah!"<sup>23</sup>Then King Solomon swore by the LORD: "May God deal with me, be it ever so severely, if Adonijah does not pay with his life for this request!"<sup>24</sup>And now, as surely as the LORD lives—he who has established me securely on the throne of my father David and has founded a dynasty for me as he promised—Adonijah shall be put to death today!"<sup>25</sup>So King Solomon gave orders to Benaiah son of Jehoiada, and he struck down Adonijah and he died." 1 Kings 2:13-25 (NIV)*

- **Principle:** The kingdom must be preserved from those trying to destroy it and undermine it.

*Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup>But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator." Colossians 3:5-10 (NIV)*

- Jesus Christ has put to death those things that threaten our relationship with God. *When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup>having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross." Colossians 2:13-15 (NIV)*