

Daily Devotion For September 13, 2022

“Now then, be strong and brave, for Saul your master is dead, and the people of Judah have anointed me **king**. . . .” 2 Samuel 2:7

Over the past week, the world watched passing of a queen and the rise of a new king. Last Thursday, Prince Charles became King Charles III and assumed his new duties as King of England. News reports have said that the new king is off to a good start.

In 2 Samuel 2, Israel was at a precarious moment in their history. The first king of Israel, King Saul has just died. They have enemies on all sides. They face internal struggles. And the question is, will they descend into chaos or become the nation that God has called them to be, a light to other nations.

At this crucial moment, David steps up. He prayerfully pursues God’s leading and welcomes the anointing of the people as their king. David shows graciousness to those who have been loyal to Saul. Through David, God is going to unite the troubled nation and give them good leadership.

Through David, God brought order out of chaos, new life out of a time of degeneration and death. Those who were once loyal to King Saul must now render their allegiance to David as King.

The same is true when we come to faith in Christ. We transfer our allegiance from our old self to a new allegiance to Jesus. We bring our lives under his rule and reign. We proclaim and begin to embody a new kingdom, God’s kingdom.

**Thought For Today.** What does it mean to be a Christian? One way to describe it is to say that we live under a new king. We are loyal to the loving King whom gave himself for us, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** Today, pray that you will be a loyal follower of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and pray, “Thy Kingdom come.” Continued prayers for Bob McIntyre who looked and felt better yesterday. For Tom Gunter, Pat Wong, Alan Durant, and Nancy Ichiuji who had eye surgery yesterday.