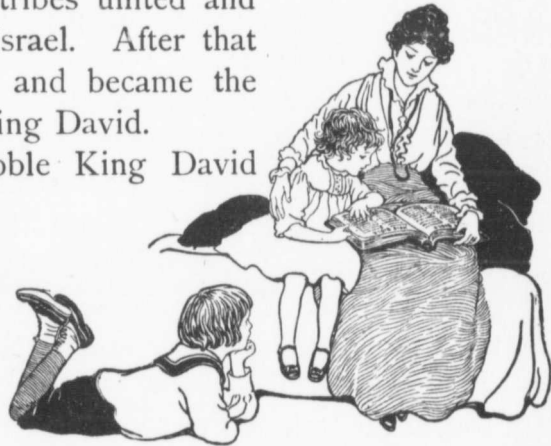


made David king, the other tribes did not join with them, and for a long time there were wars and troubled times. But month by month David grew greater and more powerful, and the family of Saul grew weaker and smaller. For more than seven years David ruled in Judah, true to God, patiently waiting until he should be king of all Israel. God had long ago made that promise, and Samuel had anointed the shepherd boy at his command.

Although such a long time passed before God's promise came true, David seems never to have grown impatient. He knew that God knew best and would do everything at the right time.

At last messengers came to ask for peace, and on a great and joyful day all the tribes united and made David king of Israel. After that he went to Jerusalem and became the great and wonderful King David.

If the wise and noble King David needed to know much about God, surely we ought to learn all that we can about our heavenly Father and his will concerning us.



TWO VERSES TO HELP US TRUST AND LOVE GOD

**"Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart,
And lean not upon thine own understanding**

—Proverbs 3: 5.

"Trust in the Lord, and do good."

—Psalm 37: 3