

## Lesson II.

## SOLOMON ANOINTED KING

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1 Kings 1 : 28-40. Study 1 Kings 1 : 1 to 2 : 12—Memory Verses, 39, 40.

**Golden Text**—Know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind.—1 Chronicles 28 : 9.

Gi'hon.

39 And Za'dok the priest took an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Sol'omon. And they blew the trumpet ; and all the people said, God save king Sol'omon.

40 And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

28 Then king Da'vid answered and said, Call me Bath'sheba. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king.

29 And the king sware, and said, As the Lord liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress,

30 Even as I sware unto thee by the Lord God of Is'rael, saying, Assuredly Sol'omon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead ; even so will I certainly do this day.

31 Then Bath'sheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and said, Let my lord king Da'vid live for ever.

32 And king Da'vid said, Call me Za'dok the priest, and Na'than the prophet, and Benai'ah the son of Jehoi'ada. And they came before the king.

33 The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Sol'omon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gi'hon :

34 And let Za'dok the priest and Na'than the prophet anoint him there king over Is'rael : and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Sol'omon.

35 Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne : for he shall be king in my stead : and I have appointed him to be ruler over Is'rael and over Ju'dah.

36 And Benai'ah the son of Jehoi'ada answered the king, and said, Amen : the Lord God of my lord the king say so too.

37 As the Lord hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Sol'omon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king Da'vid.

38 So Za'dok the priest, and Na'than the prophet, and Benai'ah the son of Jehoi'ada, and the Cher'ethites, and the Pel'ethites, went down, and caused Sol'omon to ride upon king Da'vid's mule, and brought him to

## THE LESSON RETOLD

Good King David had grown old and feeble. One day as he lay in his bed, Nathan, the prophet, hurried into the room. He bowed low and began to speak :

"My lord, O king, hast thou said that thy son Adonijah should be king after thee ?

"To-day he is giving a great feast. He has invited his friends and all his brothers except Solomon. And now these people call him king. Hast thou chosen him to sit upon thy throne ?"

No, King David had not chosen Adonijah. He knew that Adonijah was not good enough nor wise enough to be a king. He had not tried to obey his father and learn to do right.

But King David had known that Israel must, before long, have a new king. David was an old man now. Soon God would call him to the heavenly home. He wanted to leave his people a wise ruler.

So David had chosen his son Solomon to be king after he was gone. He knew that

Solomon had tried to be good and brave. David thought he could trust him to be a true leader to his people.

Now when King David heard what Adonijah was doing, he sent for Bathsheba, the mother of Solomon. Now the king had promised some time before this, that Solomon should be king after himself. So when Bathsheba came in, David said to her : "As the Lord liveth, my son Solomon shall sit upon my throne." The king went on to promise that it should be made known that very day that Solomon was to be king. This was the way in those days of making a very solemn promise which could not be broken.

Then the king called his chief men to him and said : "Go down to the spring called Gihon. Let Solomon ride upon mine own mule." This would show to the people that the king had chosen Solomon to be their ruler after he had died. "When you reach the spring, let Nathan, the prophet, and Zadok,