

SERMON CHALLENGE

The Request That Cost Him His Life

1 Kings 2:13-25

Name: _____

Date: _____

20 questions · 5 points each · 100 points total. Choose the best answer. For SELECT TWO questions, mark both correct answers.

1. What had Adonijah already done before the events of 1 Kings 2:13-25?

- A. He had left Israel and returned after David died
- B. He had tried to become king and had later received mercy
- C. He had been appointed priest by David
- D. He had served faithfully as Solomon's commander

2. How did the sermon explain Adonijah's statement, "the kingdom was mine"?

- A. It proved that David had publicly appointed Adonijah
- B. It proved that all Israel had legally chosen Adonijah
- C. It was Solomon's description of the former struggle
- D. It was Adonijah's own description of the former struggle

3. According to Adonijah in verse 15, where had Solomon's kingdom come from?

- A. From all Israel
- B. From Joab
- C. From the LORD
- D. From Bathsheba

4. Why did Adonijah ask Bathsheba to carry his request to Solomon?

- A. She was the legal owner of Abishag
- B. He believed Solomon would listen to his mother
- C. Solomon had forbidden Adonijah from speaking to him
- D. She had commanded Adonijah to come to her

5. How did Bathsheba describe Adonijah's request when she spoke to Solomon?

- A. One small petition
- B. A dangerous command
- C. A claim to the throne
- D. A final warning

SERMON CHALLENGE — CONTINUED

The Request That Cost Him His Life

6. Why did Solomon mention Abiathar and Joab when answering Bathsheba?

- A. They had supported Adonijah's earlier attempt to become king
- B. They had warned Bathsheba about Adonijah
- C. They had asked Solomon to approve the marriage
- D. They were relatives of Abishag

7. Why did the sermon use 2 Samuel 16:21?

- A. To prove the marriage was illegal
- B. To prove Bathsheba planned Adonijah's death
- C. To prove Abishag was David's concubine
- D. To show that a king's women could carry political meaning

8. What did Solomon say Adonijah had spoken against?

- A. Bathsheba's honor
- B. Joab's position
- C. His own life
- D. David's memory

9. According to the sermon, what opportunity had Solomon's earlier mercy given Adonijah?

- A. A chance to live peaceably under Solomon
- B. A promise that Solomon could never punish him
- C. A chance to prepare another claim to the throne
- D. A right to receive whatever request he made

10. Which statement best expresses the sermon's final application?

- A. Mercy makes earlier rebellion no longer matter
- B. Anything called a small request should be granted
- C. Ignore past conduct whenever someone speaks peacefully
- D. Stop reaching for what God did not give you

SERMON CHALLENGE — CONTINUED

The Request That Cost Him His Life

11. The sermon places Adonijah's request inside the larger setting of Solomon's throne being established.

_____ True _____ False

12. The sermon teaches that the Bible confirms Adonijah's claim that the kingdom truly belonged to him.

_____ True _____ False

13. The sermon leaves Bathsheba's understanding of Adonijah's request unstated.

_____ True _____ False

14. The sermon teaches that Abishag's situation was exactly the same as the women in Absalom's rebellion.

_____ True _____ False

15. Solomon had already spared Adonijah's life before the request for Abishag.

_____ True _____ False

SERMON CHALLENGE — CONTINUED

The Request That Cost Him His Life

16. The sermon teaches that calling a request small proves that it is harmless.

_____ True _____ False

17. Select the TWO facts the sermon gives about Adonijah before his request to Bathsheba. (SELECT TWO)

- A. He had become Solomon's military commander
- B. He had tried to become king
- C. Solomon had already spared his life
- D. He had been sent away from Israel

18. Select the TWO facts Solomon connected with Adonijah's request in verse 22. (SELECT TWO)

- A. Abiathar and Joab belonged to Adonijah's former cause
- B. David had ordered Adonijah to marry Abishag
- C. Adonijah was Solomon's elder brother
- D. Bathsheba had promised Adonijah the throne

19. Select the TWO statements showing that Solomon's throne had been settled by the LORD. (SELECT TWO)

- A. Joab declared Solomon the oldest surviving son
- B. The LORD established Solomon and set him on David's throne
- C. Bathsheba said all Israel had chosen Solomon
- D. Adonijah admitted Solomon had the kingdom from the LORD

20. Select the TWO responses the conclusion calls for. (SELECT TWO)

- A. Use mercy to walk away from rebellion
- B. Ignore a person's history when judging a new action
- C. Assume every peaceful request is harmless
- D. Stop reaching for what God did not give you

MEMORY VERSE

1 Kings 2:23

Then king Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life.