

Sermon Discussion Questions

*Cleaning House*

1 Kings 2:13-46

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3. What was Adonijah's expectations regarding David's throne?
4. As Solomon's mother, what duties did Bathsheba have regarding the royal court?
5. Why would Adonijah ask Bathsheba to intervene for him regarding his request for a bride?
6. Who was Abishag? Was Adonijah's request for her as a wife out of love or some other reason?
7. Why did Solomon treat Bathsheba so respectfully?
8. Does it seem strange to us that Solomon told Bathsheba that he would not refuse her (V20), then turns down the request? How so?
9. Why did Solomon reject Adonijah's request?
10. Who was Benaiah? What was his eventual reward?
11. Why was Abiathar removed from his position as chief priest? Had that been prophesied? By Samuel?
12. Who was Abner and what was the justification for having him killed?
13. Was Solomon's initial treatment of Shemei consistent with what Shemei had done to Solomon's father?
14. What was Solomon's action regarding Shemei after Shemei violated his promise to Solomon? Was it justified?
15. What was the end result of all the "house cleaning?"
16. Was all that killing justified, and how does it relate to the Kingdom of God?

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