

## CRISIS CHRISTIANS

### 1 Kings 1:49-52

INTRODUCTION: David was the king and he was well stricken in years. It was time for him to designate a new king as his successor to the throne. Adonijah was one of David's sons but he was not chosen by God or David to succeed David because his heart was not right toward God. Isaiah 29:13. Those who truly love the Lord love Him on Tuesday just like on Sunday. Adonijah was the kind of man who just took what he wanted: 1 Kings 1:5. Adonijah did not concern himself with the will of God for his life. Proverbs 19:21. When King David chose Solomon to succeed him Adonijah got religion. 1 Kings 1:50.

#### I. CHRISTIANS IN CRISIS ONLY!

The purpose of this message is to help you overcome living in crisis Christianity. We must develop a living relationship with our Lord so that we do not need a crisis or emergencies in order to force us to seek to be close to Him. Think of those who attend church only when there is a crisis in their lives. As soon as Adonijah's problems cooled down so did his religion: 1 Kings 2:10-18. Many fool themselves believing that God accepts their false repentance as real repentance. Do you know what God says about those who do not learn from the rebuke they receive and go right on in their rebellion? Proverbs 29:1; 1 Kings 2:19-25; 1 Kings 2:26-29. Don't be like these men and seek to get close to the Lord to be spared from your own evil way. Don't wait until it is too late to get your heart right with the Lord, do it now especially if there is no crisis right now!

#### II. ADONIJAH LIVED FOR HIMSELF AND LOST HIS GOD GIVEN BLESSINGS!

Living a self directed life, a life that seeks the Lord only in crisis is a hard way to live. Proverbs 13:15. When we are setting our own cadence and not being led by the Lord daily we are always out of the will of our God. Proverbs 3:5-8. Godly character is defined by Who we chose to obey!

#### III. ADONIJAH NEVER ENJOYED THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE KING OR THE KING OF KINGS!

Adonijah could not enjoy being at the palace of the king because he always felt he should be the king. He could not enjoy fellowship in God's kingdom because even there he felt he should be in charge! Amos 3:3. If we are to walk in continuous fellowship with our Lord we must allow Him to change our minds so that we chose to agree with Him because He will not change His mind to agree with us. Isaiah 55:6-9.

#### IV. ADONIJAH COULD HAVE SERVED THE KING AND THE KING OF KINGS AND ENJOYED THEIR GOODNESS!

We all have a choice to work on developing a thankful heart because we live in a most blest time of history but are less thankful for our blessings than any other generation. 1 Corinthians 4:7. Adonijah could have served the king and the King of Kings and obeyed them and been blest for it. However, no matter how much he was blest it was never enough for him. We serve a merciful God but you can presume once too often upon the mercy of God and find the wrath of God!