

**Recap of 6/14/26 message by Chris Sommerfield
("The Anointed King") 1 Kings 1:32-53:**

- In this passage, King David calls for Solomon to be anointed as king, demonstrating a transition of power and the establishment of a lineage that foreshadows the coming of Jesus Christ, the ultimate King of Peace, who brings mercy and worthiness to his people. Throughout the Bible, Jesus is seen as the fulfillment of the Davidic covenant, the promised King who would reign forever. His entry into Jerusalem as King on a donkey prophesies His first coming, while the promise of His return on a horse signifies the fulfillment of justice and the ultimate establishment of His kingdom. We must cling to the altar of Christ, who is our King of Peace, as we await His triumphant return, acknowledging that in His mercy we find our worthiness.

- David's choice to appoint Solomon as king is a symbol of God's sovereign plan, reflecting the assurance we have in Christ, the ultimate fulfillment of the Davidic covenant. Solomon's joyous public anointing symbolizes the arrival of a king who brings genuine peace, a peace fully realized in Jesus Christ's coming. This joyful occasion underlines the heart's response to Christ's kingship today. We should celebrate His reign, knowing He brings ultimate peace to our souls. His reign transforms us from turmoil to tranquility. As Solomon was joyously received, this suggests we should welcome Christ into every part of our lives.

- Adonijah's fear demonstrates how human aspirations can falter without divine blessing. He clings to the altar seeking mercy from the anointed king for his rebellion and Solomon says that if he is "worthy" no harm should come to him. Jesus offers mercy and forgiveness, urging us to cling to His altar, the cross, which transforms our worthlessness into worthiness. We are made worthy through the great exchange. By God's grace through faith Jesus takes all our sin upon Himself and we become the very righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21). Adonijah seeking mercy at the altar reflects our need to cling to the cross for salvation. This act of desperation highlights humanity's longing for deliverance, which Jesus fulfills through His ultimate sacrifice. Let's cling to the cross and live in the joy of our salvation, for He is our good shepherd, He is our anointed king.