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2 Samuel 5:1-3

“Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. Previously, when Saul was king over us you were the one who lead Israel out and in. And the Lord said to you, “You will shepherd My people Israel...” So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them before the Lord, ... So they anointed David king over Israel.” 2 Samuel 5:1-3.

How hard it is for men to break with old ways, old habits, old thoughts!? The Jewish nation knew David had been anointed their king by God – they had seen his deeds and they knew the prophecies. Likewise, the Pharisees knew that Jesus was their Messiah – they had seen His deeds and had heard His words! (John 5:31-40; Matthew 11:2-24)

This reluctance to accept the new and this dogged determination to hold on to the old is rooted in our comfortableness with the old nature and its ways! The life of faith demands a cutting away of the dependences of the flesh upon itself. “...for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh.” (Philippians 3:3; also Colossians 2:11)

With Abner and Ishbosheth’s deaths, the last hopes of Saul’s continued legacy died also. With these final deaths from the regime of Saul, the Jewish elders must finally yield to the prophecies and deeds of David, the shepherd boy King. They also must now yield to that “knowing” in their own hearts. You must not hold to old ways, old habits and old thoughts – in Jesus Christ – behold all things are new! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

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