

THE CAREER OF ADONIJAH

1 KING 1

Text: 1 Kings 1:5-6, 50

5 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.

6 And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was a very goodly man; and his mother bare him after Absalom.

50 And Adonijah feared because of Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar.

Introduction:

1. THIS YOUNG MAN WAS A VERY PROMISING YOUTH

He was a very goodly man. (vs 6)

- A. He was Young.
- B. He had good Physique
- C. He was the Kings Son.

1. The fourth son of David
2. Lived well
3. Had Honor
4. Influence

2. THIS YOUNG MAN HAD THE WRONG SPIRIT

I will Be King (vs 5)

A. The thing desired was right enough in its self.

1. Leadership is of God.
2. Someone must be in charge.

B. But Adonijah wasn't the right man for this position.

1. God had chosen Solomon

C. So Adonijah set out to defeat God.

1. Adonijah was easily defeated.

3. THE END OF THE CAREER OF THIS YOUNG MAN

A. He lost his friends

1. When the thing was found out "every man went his way".

B. He lost his honor

1. (vs 50)

C. He lost his life.

1. A little later He was caught in a snare set for Solomon.

4. WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RUIN OF THIS YOUNG MAN

A. Himself

1. No one can hurt us but ourselves.
2. He knew he was wrong.

B. His friends.

1. Why didn't they stop him?

2. They used him for their own personal advantages

5. LET'S THINK OF THIS STORY AND YOUNG MAN TODAY

A. Does such a ruin ever overtake young people today?

1. Everywhere, Everyday.

B. Who is responsible?

1. Parents
2. Church
3. Society
4. School
5. Friends
6. Themselves

C. How can we guard against such ruins?

1. Word of God
2. The home

3. The church teaching the truth

4. Preachers preaching the truth.