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## King David's Installation of the Next King

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- David honours his son Solomon.
- The leaders and the family pledge their loyalty to Solomon.
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<sup>5</sup>"Is not my house right with God? Has He not made with me an everlasting covenant, arranged and secured in every part? Will He not bring to fruition my salvation and grant me my every desire? <sup>6</sup>But evil men are all to be cast aside like thorns, which are not gathered with the hand. <sup>7</sup>Whoever touches thorns uses a tool of iron or the shaft of a spear; they are burned up where they lie."

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David says that he is God's mouthpiece and this is the message:

- The righteous will flourish and be refreshing to others.
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- David died at the age of 70.
- He was respected by the people at the time of his death.



## King David's Epitaph

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- Acts 13:36

- David had served God's purpose during his generation!

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