

Last week-differences found in a Presence centered church.

King David modeled living presence centered. He was an extravagant worshipper who boiled it down to the one thing. **Outside of Jesus, David is mentioned more than any other individual in the Bible, over 1000 times. His rule and reign over Israel give us a prototype of the permanent rule and reign of Jesus Christ forever.** What it looks like when the Presence of God is central to all things. His life is an invitation to everyone who wants to lead a worshipping lifestyle that doesn't just enter into something once in a while but lives as a worshipper.

***Psalm 27:4** One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. God's Presence would be the place he wrote many songs, sought wisdom, led the nation of Israel etc. David was a man of the Presence.*

Psalm 132 describes the vow that changed history Psalm 132 is David's vow and his passion for providing a dwelling place for God, and God's promise to David.

Psalm 132:1-18 (NKJV) 1 A Song of Ascents. LORD, remember David [And] all his afflictions; 2 How he swore to the LORD, [And] vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: 3 "Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, Or go up to the comfort of my bed; 4 I will not give sleep to my eyes [Or] slumber to my eyelids, 5 Until I find a place for the LORD, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob." 6 Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; We found it in the fields of the woods. 7 Let us go into His tabernacle; Let us worship at His footstool. 8 Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength. 9 Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness, And let Your saints shout for joy. 10 For Your servant David's sake, Do not turn away the face of Your Anointed. 11 The LORD has sworn [in] truth to David; He will not turn from it: "I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body. 12 If your sons will keep My covenant And My testimony which I shall teach them, Their sons also shall sit upon your throne forevermore." 13 For the LORD has chosen Zion; He has desired [it] for His dwelling place: 14 "This [is] My resting place forever; Here I will dwell, for I have desired it. 15 I will abundantly bless her provision; I will satisfy her poor with bread. 16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation, And her saints shall shout aloud for joy. 17 There I will make the horn of David grow; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed. 18 His enemies I will clothe with shame, But upon Himself His crown shall flourish."

- **David's vow positioned his heart to receive revelation into worship as it is in God's sanctuary.** Revelation 4-5 describes the worship order around God's throne as continual and musical.
- **God was so moved by David's vow that He declared to David in 1Chronicles 17:10b-** *I tell you that the Lord will build you a house.*

God established a covenant with David that through his seed the Messiah would come. God was so moved by David that his name is established eternally in heaven as one of Jesus heavenly names as the Root of David. (Eternal association)

- Revelation 5:5 (NKJV) But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."

David's generation needed both a spiritual awakening and a governmental reformation. If they were going to have a human leader, he would need to possess the very heart of God.

- David was anointed by Samuel when He was still tending sheep and this young shepherd loved God wholeheartedly. In the secret place the hand of God shaped a fearless lover that would carefully shepherd sheep or kill the largest giant in the land with a stone. It seemed like David came out of nowhere, but years were devoted gazing upon God before He would ever become Israel's King. His priorities (1 thing) were fixed before he was king.
- King Saul was removed, killed in battle which was prophesied by Samuel and It was David's turn to lead. God had given Israel their choice with Saul and now they would experience God's choice with David. Man looks at the outward appearance and God looks at the heart.
- The first move in any leadership change is often the most important, it can define, make or break an administration. David's first move brought understanding to everyone around him what his priorities were.
- His very first move as King would be to get the Ark of the Covenant back. God's greatest gift to Israel, His very Presence among them. This would have been a radical move. He longed for One thing, his highest value was the getting the Presence of God back where it belonged. King Saul had neglected the Ark of the covenant (Presence of God) the entirety of his reign which was 40 years. In total the Ark had been neglected nearly 70 years!
- David was going to take what was wrong and make it right. He was committed to bring God's people back into alignment with God's voice and His leadership. David was ultimately giving the crown back to God through this extravagant move.

This was the day that David reversed the curse brought on the land when Israel rejected God's leadership. As they were approaching the mountain of the Lord with the Ark they crying

out Psalm 24:7 “Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.”

David had the profound revelation that God was enthroned upon the praise of His people. **Psalm 22:3-But You *are* holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel.**

- David would build something for the Lord where God’s Presence would dwell. David’s leadership would humbly yield to Gods leadership. For 33 years on Mount Zion, the governmental center of the nation, the Presence of God would be the main thing and the people would join their king in unceasing worship and prayer!
- The Presence of God was David’s military strategy, governmental strategy, answer to the crises of the nation. David would humble himself before the Lord and seek His face for all things. What a regime change, God was restored to the throne through a yielded lover. David was a worshipper way before he was Israel’s greatest king.
- When David put a up a tent to worship God, sing songs, pray, get revelation He was inviting the whole nation of Israel into something he had stewarded since he was a boy. Once you have seen His beauty it ruins you for everything else. The cornerstone of Davids leadership was not some great political statement but Psalm 27:4- just to see Him again! There would be no veil in David’s tent, no separation but access to the holy One like never before since the Garden of Eden.

On coronation day David made a bold move that would have forever changed minds on what a king should look like. He traded his royal robe for a linen ephod which was the garment of a priest and he danced before the Lord with all his might not worried about anyone’s opinion but the Lord.

2 Samuel 6:14 – NKJV Then David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod.

He identified himself with the humble priesthood whose sole inheritance was the presence of God and sole duty was ministry unto the Lord! Rather than receive the praise of man as king, he entered as a worshipper. He modeled a One thing lifestyle and made it all about God. David was not a priest and really had no right wearing the linen ephod which would have been shocking and unacceptable by many, including his own wife yet this truly pleased God. The nation of Israel lined the streets to worship as God’s Presence was ushered back into their city, David unleashed worship, stripped off his kingly garments and put on a priest’s garment as he danced for the Lord with all his might.

This was a powerful prophetic act that was stating “I will rule as a lover and minister of the Lord. I will lead as a worshiper.” David modeled what is true in every true believers life, we are priests, lovers of God above all other positions and titles.

David restored what Saul had neglected. The word of the Lord and the Presence of God would now flow from this Holy space and everyone in Israel would come under the extravagant blessing of the Lord through Davids leadership. For 33 years (Jesus life) heaven would invade that small tent and the word of the Lord would flow through musicians and intercessors. Scribes would sit in the tent and record the prophetic utterances and songs, many which are included in the Psalms we now have. God was restored to the throne through a yielded lover. David was a worshiper way before he was Israel’s greatest king.

David produces a prototype that would be referred back to in what worship would look like when God’s grace would impact Gentiles as well as Jews.

Amos 9:11 (NKJV) “On that day I will raise up The tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, And repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old; God Himself will rebuild the tabernacle of David.

Did you realize That the Tabernacle of Moses was still in full operation during the time of David's rule and reign.

David’s tent and Moses’ tabernacle as two simultaneous modes of worship—one presence-centered, the other ritual-centered—coexisting for a season of approximately 30-40 years.

1 Chronicles 16:39-40 (NKJV) 39 and Zadok the priest and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD at the high place that [was] at Gibeon, 40 to offer burnt offerings to the LORD on the altar of burnt offering regularly morning and evening, and [to do] according to all that is written in the Law of the LORD which He commanded Israel;

Zadok and his fellow priests were before Moses Tabernacle at the high place in Gibson continuing the daily sacrifices before the Lord morning and evening. I don't want to jump into this too much but for a quick visual you have a presence centered environment worship where the presence of the Lord is the main thing and you have another environment who are going through all of the religious exercises yet the presence of God is not even there. I guess it's boiled down to which group of people do you long to be? When we keep doing what we are supposed to be doing and the Presence and leadership of God is no longer in the vicinity we have a huge problem.

When israel went astray, God would raise up spiritual reformers with a vision to restore worship as david commanded it. All seven “revivals” in old testament times restored davidic worship.

Solomon (2 chr. 8:14)

Jehoshaphat 2 chr. 20:19-28

Jehoiada 2 chr. 23:18

Hezekiah's 2 chr. 29:25-27

Josiah 2 chr. 35:3-15

Zerubbabel ezra 3:10-11

Ezra and nehemiah neh. 12:24, 45

Home groups

1. David models the type of worshipper the Father is looking for. What is it about His life that moved the heart of God?
2. Discuss David's vow (Psalm 132). What would it look like for you to be fully committed to building God a dwelling place?
3. Are you committed to wear the linen ephod everyday? This means stripping yourself of any other title in order to live as a worshipper.
4. Why is it easier to just do religious duties than to live passionately for Jesus? What are you doing to keep the fire on your heart burning?
5. Make a goal of how much time you will spend in prayerful worship daily.