

# AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART – THE DAVID CHRONICLES

## *“How God Develops the Heart of a King”*

(I Samuel 16:14-23)

*“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion”.”*

*(Genesis 1:26)*

According to Revelation 1:6; 3:21; 5:10 and I Peter 2:9-10,

we will once again be kings!

According to II Corinthians 1:21, we are the Lord's anointed ones in the earth.

According to Daniel 7:22, 27; Revelation 20:4, we will sit on thrones.

According to Zechariah 3:7, Matt. 19:28; I Corinthians 6:2-3; Revelation 20:4,  
we will judge men.

According to Zechariah 3:7; I Corinthians 6:2-3, we will judge angels.

And according to Revelation 20:6, 22:5; Zechariah 3:7, we will reign.

We will reign over people (Revelation 20:4, 6).

We will rule over the nations (Genesis 1:26, Psalms 2:8-9, Revelation 2:26-27).

We will rule over cities (Luke 19:16-19).

## ❖ **God Uses the Tool of Solitude** (vs. 19)

"Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, 'Send me David your son, who is with the sheep.'"

Jesus Christ sought time to be alone with His Father.

*"And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there He prayed." (Mark 1:35)*

*"And when it was day, he departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not depart from them." (Luke 4:42)*

*"And it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." (Luke 6:12)*

*"When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone." (John 6:15)*

## ❖ **God Uses the Tool of Secrecy** (vs. 18)

Before David would ever sit on the throne and rule the nation of Israel, he would first spend countless hours ...

- Alone, Unacknowledged and Unappreciated
- God Always Trains in Private Before He Uses One in Public

## ❖ **God Uses the Tool of Sameness** (vs. 11, 19, 17:15)

David applied himself to the task of giving his best during the mundane times of life.

*“His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.” (Matthew 25:21)*

When life seems like drudgery, just keep walking faithfully with God; He is preparing you for greater things.

## ❖ **God Uses the Tool of Struggle** (17:34-37; 40-51)

God used the classroom of adversity as a valuable tool designed to teach David about the power, provision and providence of God.

There are times when the monotony of our lives is shattered by the harsh blows of adversity.

God allowed David to walk through some hard places so that He might use him in the future in a greater fashion.

Conclusion:

David was A Skilled Man

The word "*cunning*" means "*an artist, faithful and trustworthy in his art.*" It refers to those who are "*wise, capable, resourceful in every facet of conduct.*"

David Was A Strong Man

When David is called "*a mighty, valiant man, a man of war*" it refers to courage he had developed as he led the flocks in the hard places.

David Was A Shrewd Man

The phrase "*prudent in matters*" means that David was "*careful in his speech.*" The Bible says,

*"The tongue of the wise uses knowledge in the right way: but the mouth of fools pours out foolishness" (Proverbs 15:2)*

David Was A Striking Man

David is said to be "*comely.*" This refers to his physical appearance as well as the overall manner in which he presented himself.

He Was A Sanctified Man

David's greatest attribute was the fact that "*the Lord is with Him.*"