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Intimacy with God focus

Session #33—The End Time Church Will be a “David Generation”

“The friend of the Bridegroom...rejoices greatly because of the Bridegroom’s voice.” (Jn. 3:29)

I. THE END-TIME CHURCH WILL EXPRESS THE VALUES AND VIRTUES SEEN IN DAVID

A. David is a model for the end-time Church (Isa. 55:3-5) when the Spirit raises up leaders with a heart like David (Jer. 3:15) and restores the tabernacle of David (Amos 9:11) for the Son of David.

B. David is a witness and model for the end-time Church (Isa. 55:3-5). More is written in the Bible about him than any other except Jesus. He pictures one who loves, worships, and wars in the Spirit.

³*...I will make an everlasting covenant with you—the sure mercies of David. ⁴Indeed I have given him as a witness [model] to the people, a leader and commander for the people...*

⁵*Surely...nations who do not know you shall run to you because...He has glorified you. (Isa. 55:3-5)*

¹⁷*Show me [David] a sign [model] for good...because You, LORD, have helped me. (Ps. 86:17)*

C. God testified that David was a man after His own heart (Acts 13:22).

²²*...He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, ‘I have found David...a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’ (Acts 13:22)*

¹⁴*...The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people...” (1 Sam. 13:14)*

⁹*For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. (2 Chr. 16:9)*

D. David’s obedience and ministry is a “standard” of what God is seeking to establish in the earth.

¹⁵*I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with...understanding...*

¹⁷*At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the LORD... (Jer. 3:15-17)*

E. God will raise up the tabernacle of David for Jesus as the Son of David. This includes many things such as *God’s government being released on earth in context to worship and prayer*.

¹¹*“I will raise up the tabernacle of David...I will raise up...and rebuild it... (Amos 9:11-12)*

II. OVERVIEW OF DAVID'S HEART RESPONSES

A. I identify 3 expressions of being a person after God's heart (1 Sam. 13:14). The first description of David that the Lord gave through Samuel to King Saul (1 Sam. 13:14) was to call David “a man after God’s own heart”—David was still in his teens. God knew the seeds that were in his heart.

1. *David obeyed the **commands** of God’s heart:* He set his heart to obey even after his failures.

2. *David studied the **emotions** of God’s heart:* He focused on understanding God’s emotions.

3. *David served the purpose of God’s heart:* We are to seek the fullness of God’s purpose for our life and generation. Find out what God is doing in your generation and throw yourself into it. God testified that David did “all” of God’s will and served His purpose (Acts 13:22, 36).

³⁶“*David...served the purpose of God in his own generation.*” (Acts 13:36, NASB)

²²“*I have found David...a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.*” (Acts 13:22)

- B. *David’s heart response to God:* We can learn to respond to God rightly as David did in times of pressure, failure, and success, and in diligently pursuing God in the changing seasons of life.
- C. David was a student of God’s beauty—His glory (splendor), heart (emotions), wisdom, power, etc.
⁴One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. (Ps. 27:4)
 1. How David saw *God’s heart*: David was a “theologian of God’s beauty and emotions.”
 2. How David saw *himself* in God’s grace: He knew that God delighted in him (Ps. 18:19, 35).
 3. How David saw *others* in God’s grace: He saw excellent ones in whom God delights (Ps. 16:3).
 4. How David saw his *circumstances*: It shaped his response to pressure, failure, and success.
- D. David found his primary identity (his sense of value and success) in who he was in his relationship with God. He measured his success in life by how much he grew in grace, and by the measure to which he was empowered to walk in obedient love for God and meekness toward people.
- E. Scripture highlights David’s obedience, values, and skills as follows:
 1. *Seeking God*: He longed to worship God and see His beauty (Ps. 27:4; cf. 18:1; 31:23; 36:8). David is described as inquiring of the Lord on what to do in a specific way on ten occasions (1 Sam. 23:2, 4, 11-12; 30:8-9; 2 Sam. 2:1-2; 5:19, 23; 21:1; Ps. 27:4).
 2. *Obedient love*: He had a deep resolve to love and obey God. He is the only man whose declaration of love for God, “*I love you*” (Ps. 18:1), is specifically recorded in the Scripture.
 3. *Committed to receive and give God’s mercy*: To give abundant mercy (Ps. 18:19, 25, 35)
 4. *Confident in God’s sovereignty*: God was his source of protection, promotion, and provision.
 5. *Generous leadership style*: He showed kindness to his friends, co-workers, and even to those who betrayed him.
 6. *Zealous warrior*: He was a courageous man of war, pursuing and driving out God’s enemies.
 7. *Valuing the Spirit’s ministry*: He did powerful exploits and functioned as a prophet.
 8. *Fasted lifestyle*: He was committed to prayer, fasting, the Scriptures (Ps. 19:7-11; 35:13; 69:7-12; 109:24; 145:1-21), and to building God’s house (2 Chr. 6:8; Ps. 132).
 9. *Meekness and integrity*: He lived with a servant spirit and kept his word, even in private.
 10. *Prudent in speech*: He spoke with humility and godly wisdom.