

Honor the King

One of the 1st lessons taught to me by my pastor was to honor the king - in regard to stepdad and wanting me out of house.

What does Honor look like? David's Testimony

After David was secretly anointed king by Samuel, a distressing/tormenting spirit came upon Saul.

Yet, Saul loved David and requested of his father, Jesse, to be his armor bearer.

David later volunteered to take on Goliath the Philistine.

Jonathan, the son of Saul, loved David as well and they became very close friends.

Wherever David was sent by Saul, he behaved wisely (Psa 101).

Women sang of Saul had killed thousands and David ten thousand... and from that day forward Saul took on an envious spirit regarding David.

Twice, he attempted murdering David with a spear, but David escaped.

Saul tries to have David killed by offering his daughter to him in marriage, if he would go out kill 100 Philistines and bring their foreskins to him (sound familiar).

David with his mighty men met the challenge did just that, to Saul's disappointment.

No matter what Saul conspired to do, in all of David's success in service to his king, King Saul, confirmed in Saul's mind that God is with David and not with him.

But one day, Saul had enough and told his son and his servants he wanted him killed, but Jonathan delighted greatly in David so then Jonathan intercedes for David and secretly stands in the gap for him and protecting him against his father's evil wishes and David escapes from Saul and is on the run the rest of Saul's days.

During many years, Saul actively went after David and his men to kill him, yet Yahweh was with David, and in various ways did not allow David to be harmed.

David runs to Nob and to the priest Ahimelech for provision and weapons.

The testing of David (The tree of Life or the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil)

Psa 105:19 Until the time that his word came to pass, The word of the LORD tested him. (written of Jospeh – applicable to David and to us all)

1 Sam 24 – David spares Saul's life (in a cave)

1Sa 24:4-7 Then the men of David said to him, "This is the day of which the LORD said to you, 'Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand, that you may do to him as it seems good to you.' "

And David arose and secretly cut off a corner of Saul's robe. **(5)** Now it happened afterward that David's heart troubled him because he had cut Saul's *robe*.

(6) And he said to his men, "**The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he *is* the anointed of the LORD.**" **(7)** So David restrained his servants with *these* words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. And Saul got up from the cave and went on *his* way.

1Sa 24:10-22 Look, this day your eyes have seen that the LORD delivered you today into my hand in the cave, and *someone* urged *me* to kill you. But *my eye* spared you, and I said, 'I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for **he *is* the LORD's anointed.**'

(11) Moreover, my father, see! Yes, see the corner of your robe in my hand! For in that I cut off the corner of your robe, and did not kill you, know and see that *there is* neither evil nor rebellion in my hand, and I have not sinned against you. Yet you hunt my life to take it.

(12) Let the LORD judge between you and me, and let the LORD avenge me on you. But my hand shall not be against you. **(13)** As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Wickedness proceeds from the wicked.' **But my hand shall not be against you.** **(14)** After whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A flea? **(15)** Therefore let the LORD be judge, and judge between you and me, and see and plead my case, and deliver me out of your hand."

(16) So it was, when David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, "*Is* this your voice, my son David?" And Saul lifted up his voice and wept. **(17)** Then he said to David: "You *are* more righteous than I; for you have rewarded me with good, whereas I have rewarded you with evil. **(18)** And **you have shown this day how you have dealt well with me; for when the LORD delivered me into your hand, you did not kill me. (19) For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him get away safely? Therefore may the LORD reward you with good for what you have done to me this day.**

(20) And now I know indeed that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand. **(21)** Therefore swear now to me by the LORD that you will not cut off my descendants after me, and that you will not destroy my name from my father's house."

(22) So David swore to Saul.

Does the enemy quit because he loses a battle?

- The death of Samuel.
- Desperate David's character is tested – Nabal (Mafia).
- Delivered through the intercession of Abigail. (1 Sam 25)

Whenever someone takes that which is not theirs by deceit, force or violence as if you are entitled to it, since the dawn of time that has been a recipe of death.

1Sa 26:6-12 Then David answered, and said to Ahimelech the Hittite and to Abishai the son of Zeruah, brother of Joab, saying, "Who will go down with me to Saul in the camp?" And Abishai said, "I will go down with you." (7) So David and Abishai came to the people by night; and there Saul lay sleeping within the camp, with his spear stuck in the ground by his head. And Abner and the people lay all around him.

(8) Then Abishai said to David, "God has delivered your enemy into your hand this day. Now therefore, please, let me strike him at once with the spear, right to the earth; and I will not *have to strike* him a second time!"

(9) But David said to Abishai, **"Do not destroy him; for who can stretch out his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?"** (10) David said furthermore, **"As the LORD lives, the LORD shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish. (11) The LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed.** But please, take now the spear and the jug of water that *are* by his head, and let us go." (12) So David took the spear and the jug of water *by* Saul's head, and they got away; and no man saw or knew *it* or awoke. For they *were* all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen on them.

1Sa 26:18-25 And he said, "Why does my lord thus pursue his servant? For what have I done, or what evil *is* in my hand? (19) Now therefore, please, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant: If the LORD has stirred you up against me, let Him accept an offering. But if *it is* the children of men, *may* they *be* cursed before the LORD, for they have driven me out this day from sharing in the inheritance of the LORD, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.' (20) So now, do not let my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD. For the king of Israel has come out to seek a flea, as when one hunts a partridge in the mountains."

(21) Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, my son David. For I will harm you no more, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Indeed I have played the fool and erred exceedingly."

(22) And David answered and said, "Here is the king's spear. Let one of the young men come over and get it. (23) May the LORD repay every man *for* his righteousness and his faithfulness; **for the LORD delivered you into *my* hand today, but I would not stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed.** (24) And indeed, as your life was valued much this day in my eyes, so let my life be valued much in the eyes of the LORD, and let Him deliver me out of all tribulation."

(25) Then Saul said to David, "*May* you *be* blessed, my son David! You shall both do great things and also still prevail." So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

David honors King Saul

- Faithful to him and to his house by covenant with Jonathan
- Never retaliating
- Never betraying
- Honoring and respecting the anointing
- Waiting decades and did not take for himself the throne he was anointed for.

Honoring: What it does not look like?

Mat 15:8 'THESE PEOPLE DRAW NEAR TO ME WITH THEIR MOUTH, AND HONOR ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME.

What it is not is flattery without demonstration of conviction.

Judgment on Judah and Jerusalem

Isa 3:24-4:1 And so it shall be: Instead of a sweet smell there will be a stench; Instead of a sash, a rope; Instead of well-set hair, baldness; Instead of a rich robe, a girding of sackcloth; And branding instead of beauty.

(25) Your men shall fall by the sword, And your mighty in the war. **(26)** Her gates shall lament and mourn, And she *being* desolate shall sit on the ground. **(4:1)** And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, "We will eat our own food and wear our own apparel; Only let us be called by your name, To take away our reproach."

You ever had someone try to establish a relationship with you, only to find out afterward that they were after something of yours?

It's such a disgrace and an affront to start up a relationship with someone, while simultaneously behind the scenes try to get something out of the relationship, unbeknownst to the other party (ulterior motives). That kind of behavior destroys relationships, sometime irreparably because one party is unable to trust the other. Not forgive, but trust...

Then I realized, some of us come to God and, unbeknownst to everyone, we secretly have ulterior motives.

We want something from Him, but were not really interested in Him. He's just a means to an end.

We want the goods (the blessings), but not the relationship and the privilege of being in His presence, now and forevermore.

Joh 12:26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him *My* Father will honor.

We honor Him with our service and our service is wholly directed by our obedience to His instructions/commandments.

We elevate Him and those who He has chosen for specific purposes of leadership... we don't tear down reputations by backbiting, gossiping, bringing division causing doubt on one's character, integrity, or ministry.

Start at home:

Honor your father and mother...

Rom 12:10 *Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

1Ti 5:3 Honor widows who are really widows.

1Ti 5:17 Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.

Heb 5:4 And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron *was*.

(the office of evangelist replaced with pastor, the office of pastor replaced with bishop – marketing and exchanging the gifts of God to receive the honor of men)

Rom 13:7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

1Pe 2:17 Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

Honoring - Do I look like Jesus? the image of God.

- In Anger (cleansing the temple)
- In Weeping (Jesus wept Lazarus died – Jerusalem, Jerusalem)
- In Silence (woman of adultery)
- In Speaking (grace and truth)
- In Praying (Our Father in heaven...)
- In Patience (waiting on the Lord to bring about His promises)
- In Teaching (demonstrate the Love of God in our walk)

1Co 10:31b, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.