

## David the Worshipper

As we saw last week, in light of Saul's failure as King, Samuel was told to anoint a new king. Unfortunately like many of us Samuel looked on the outside, where as God looks at the heart. The truth of the matter is God actively looks for this kind of heart.

*"After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.' 23 "From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised." (Acts 13:22-23)*

To God this was the most important thing, his heart. Yes David sinned, he sinned big, but he also repented big, he kept coming back to God.

*"Now the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him. 15 Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. 16 Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the lyre. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes on you, and you will feel better." 17 So Saul said to his attendants, "Find someone who plays well and bring him to me." 18 One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the Lord is with him." 19 Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." 20 So Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them with his son David to Saul. 21 David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers. 22 Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, "Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him." 23 Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him."*

**(1 Samuel 16:14-23)**

When the scripture says: *"an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him"* a better translation from the original Hebrew might be: "God allowed or permitted". It's as if Saul stepped out from under God's covering and protection, which made him vulnerable to the demonic.

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David was not only known for his love for God but also how he expressed it. As we know he wrote many of the Psalms. In Psalms 27, we see the true expression of David's heart. David's heart beat for God; this was expressed through worship because worship goes through the heart..."one thing I desire"

*"After this I will return and rebuild David's fallen tent (the Tabernacle of David). Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it, 17 that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who bear my name says the Lord, who does these things." (Acts 15:16-17)*

God says that he will rebuild: *"David's fallen tent (the Tabernacle of David)"*. This scripture doesn't say he'll rebuild "Moses Tabernacle" that was closed off to people. This tabernacle was a single tent (as seen in 2 Samuel 6), that contained the Ark of the Covenant". The tent that contained the Ark, the presence of God had an open flap so God could be put on display for people to see. The Holy of Holies was accessible to his people.

David was an unashamed worshipper of God; he would worship with music, instruments and dance.

In Jesus, this was a foreshadowing of what God wanted. We begin to see that God wants us to be portable tents that carry his glory and presence. God wants us to praise and worship him, because unbelievers will see him in us and will speak through us. Praise and worship will have an affect on people like nothing else.

## **The Importance of Worship in Our Lives**

- **Worship proves the genuineness and intimacy of our relationship with God.**

*"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." (Psalm 100:4)*

*"Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises." (Psalm 22:3)*

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Praise and worship is a powerful tool against the enemy. The enemy can't attack because when we worship we are on the attack.

Israel would always send out the worshippers ahead of the army when moving into battle.

*“May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands.” (Psalm 149:6)*

- **Worship on earth gets us ready for an eternity of worship in heaven.**
- **Every great church and individual is a worshipper of God and pays a price to be one.**

### **Discussion Questions**

- 1) There is no better way to understand the heart of David, (that was sought out by God) than to read Psalm 27. As a group please read the Psalm again and discuss what you see about his heart.
- 2) God says that he will rebuild: *“David’s fallen tent (the Tabernacle of David)”* in Acts 15. Think about how this single tent with the flap open is different from the Tabernacle of Moses and what it tells us about God. Also what does it say about us being “portable tents”?
- 3) Worship is so important in our lives, please discuss the following statements:

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