

DAVID

A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Pastor's Bible Study 2019

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Episode 1: Introduction—A Man After God's Own Heart

I Samuel and II Samuel

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1. In What centuries did David rule Israel and Judah?
2. For how many years did David rule (in Israel and Judah)?
3. Who was David's father?
4. Who was David's grandmother?
5. Who was the prophet that anointed David King?
6. Who was the king that preceded David?
7. Who was the king that succeeded David?
8. Who were the Philistines?
9. Who is David's most famous descendant?

10. 1 Samuel 13:14 says, *“But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command.”* What is the meaning of “a man after [God’s] own Heart?”

11. *CA Dinsmore wrote that* “David was a man of many talents and many passions, a warrior uniformly successful, an able administrator, a poet who left an enviable tradition, a hero for whom men periled their lives. He was a great saint and a great sinner.” The Anchor Bible Dictionary says that he was greatly favored despite his flaws.” **Describe the “Two Davids” presented by the Books of First and Second Samuel?**

1. 1Chr. 29:28 *He died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor; and his son Solomon succeeded him.*

2. Acts 13:22 *When he had removed him, he made David their king. In his testimony about him he said, ‘I have found David, son of Jesse, to be a man after my heart, who will carry out all my wishes.’*

3. Luke 1:32 *Of Jesus... He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.*

12. David was “*Faithful, Flawed and Favored.*” Give some examples of David’s Faithfulness, his flaws and how God favored him.
- i. Faithful

 - ii. Flawed

 - iii. Favored
13. What does the story of David have to teach us about God’s grace in election and providence?
- i. *Karl Barth: “The Old Testament version of the election of Man is that it is the distinction of one who is a sinner with all others... who shows himself to be a sinner and is punished as such ... It stands or falls with that which God purposes and will effect and accomplish with him, and on this very account it can only stand and not fall...it does not stand because of its virtues nor does it fall because of his failures. It does not stand because it commits only refined sins (Saul) nor does it fall because he sins grossly (David). ... And yet it is this man that is king by God’s grace - as the man who is in this sinfulness is utterly dependent upon the mercy and forgiveness of God, who is enabled to stand only because God stands and supports him, who has nothing to offer God except his need.”*
14. Why should we root for David?
- i. *Calvin: For although I follow David at a great distance, and come far short of equaling him...I have no hesitation in comparing myself with him. In reading the instances of his faith, patience, fervour, zeal, and integrity, it has, as it ought, drawn from me unnumbered groans and sighs that I am so far from approaching them; but it has been of a very great advantage to me to behold him as as a mirror ...so that I know most assuredly, that whatever that most illustrious king and prophet suffered, was exhibited to me by God as an example for imitation.”*