

THE GOD THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS.

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“THE LIFE AND FAITH OF DAVID”

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ANCHOR BIBLE REFERENCES

➤ Hebrews 13: 5-8

➤ ⁵ God has said,

“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”

➤ ⁶ So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mortal man do to me?”

➤ ⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.
Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

➤ ⁸ **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**

**Our Mandate Remains: “The House of Prayer for all Nations,
Extending God’s Love to all the Nations.”**

We are sowers (not eaters) but the sower reaps in multiple folds.



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Luke 5:37-38

"No one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will spill, and the wineskins will be ruined."

"Instead, new wine is poured into new wineskins."

(This year, we must have a fresh vision of our Christian life)

As we consider the life of the leaders and their faith, let us apply the lessons and, thus, create new wineskins and expand our spiritual container to enable God to move the mountains He has planned to move for us from 2023.

The Leader, DAVID, consider the outcome of his way of life and imitate his faith.

- **Background:** God described David as “a man after God’s own heart” ([1 Sam 13:14](#); [Acts 13:22](#)).
- **David came to replace Saul who God found unfaithful, to lead Israel.**
- The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." (1 Samuel 16:1 NIV).
- **To begin to understand why the Lord chose David, let’s look at why God rejected Saul – what did Saul do wrongly?**
- **1 Samuel 13:11- 11 “What have you done?” asked Samuel.**
Saul replied, “When I saw that the men were scattering, and that you did not come at the set time, and that the Philistines were assembling at

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Mikmash, ¹²I thought, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the LORD's favor.' So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering."

¹³ **"You have done a foolish thing," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. ¹⁴ But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, **because you have not kept the LORD's command.**"**

➤ 1 Samuel 15:1-

¹Samuel said to Saul, "I am the one the LORD sent to anoint you king over his people Israel; so listen now to the message from the LORD. ² This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. ³ Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that

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belongs to them. **Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys.’”**

⁷ Then Saul attacked the Amalekites all the way from Havilah to Shur, near the eastern border of Egypt. ⁸ He took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and all his people he totally destroyed with the sword. ⁹ But Saul and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs—everything that was good. These they were unwilling to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed. **(Selective obedience)**

¹⁰ Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel: ¹¹ “I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions.”

Samuel was angry, and he cried out to the LORD all that night.

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¹² Early in the morning Samuel got up and went to meet Saul, but he was told, "Saul has gone to Carmel. There he has set up a monument in his own honor and has turned and gone on down to Gilgal." ¹³ When Samuel reached him, Saul said, "The LORD bless you! I have carried out the LORD's instructions."

¹⁴ But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?" ¹⁵ Saul answered, "The soldiers brought them from the Amalekites; they spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the LORD your God, but we totally destroyed the rest." ¹⁶ "Enough!" Samuel said to Saul. "Let me tell you what the LORD said to me last night."

"Tell me," Saul replied. ¹⁷ Samuel said, "Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel. ¹⁸ And he sent you on a mission, saying, 'Go and completely destroy...'¹⁹ **Why did you not obey the LORD?**

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²⁰ “But I did obey the LORD,” Saul said. “I went on the mission the LORD assigned me. ... ²¹ The soldiers took ..., the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the LORD your God at Gilgal.”


²² But Samuel replied:

“Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD?

To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

²³ For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. **Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has rejected you as king.**”

On the basis of Saul’s inability to KEEP GOD’S COMMAND AND OBEY GOD’S INSTRUCTIONS, GOD rejected Saul and found David.



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➤ Brethren, the book of Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 says:

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:
Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all.”

David was selected because God saw that he will fear God and keep God's command.

David's way of life...

1. He learnt early how to tend the flocks

Unknown to David, that occupation was the most selected of all occupations. It touched God the most, and was to be used by God.

1 Peter 5:2 "Be shepherd of the flock of God among you, exercising oversight not under compulsion, but voluntarily, according to the will of God; and not for sordid gain, but with eagerness.

1 Samuel 17: 36, David said **36**Your servant has killed lions and bears; He did the job whole hearted and fought against enemies of the animal in the bush without looking for gains or rewards.

Ezekiel 34:23: "Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd. **God was referring to what Jesus would do using example of what David had done.**

Jeremiah 3:15 "Then I will give you shepherds after My own heart, who will feed you on knowledge and understanding."

2. David learnt to Never Judge by Appearances (1 Samuel 16)

Samuel was shown all of Jesse's older sons, ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height; The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord

David's way of life...

looks at the heart." The Little David, out tending the flock, was not present. ¹² So Jesse sent for him and had him brought in. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." ¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him.

3. David was committed to God

1 Samuel 17: **6** Your servant has killed lions and bears; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God."

4. When God anoints you, He elevates you to a higher power and endows you with multi-capabilities

- 1 Samuel 16:13 "Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed him in the midst of his brothers, **and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.**"
- 1 Samuel 13: ¹⁴ Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul,

David's way of life...

And an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.....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."

- 1 Samuel 17: **37** David added, "The LORD, who delivered me from the claws of the lion and the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." "Go," said Saul, "and may the LORD be with you."

5. He focused on what was most important: Fear God and keep His commands; And did not force himself unto the king's position even after he had been anointed but allowed things to unfold.

Psalm 18:50 "He gives great deliverance to His king, And shows lovingkindness to His anointed, To David and his descendants forever."

David's way of life...

6. He did not abuse his privilege; He returned praises to God

Psalm 89:3-4 "I have made a covenant with My chosen; I have sworn to David My servant, I will establish your seed forever And build up your throne to all generations.

Jeremiah 33: "For thus says the Lord, 'David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel;'"

Yet David spent time sending praises to God in Psalms

Psalm 34: "¹ I will extol the LORD at all times; His praise will always be on my lips. ² I will glory in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. ³ Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together..... ⁸ Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him."

7. When he slipped, He accepted God's rebukes with repentant heart

The Faith of David's is worthy of imitation:

- **The greatest lesson of life and faith to learn from David is that it pays to 'be a good shepherd'.**

We need to diligently take care of people and things put in our care, without expecting a reward.

Acts 20:28 says, "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers."

Outcome

- The shepherd boy became the king of Israel
- His way of life is the model for generations
- Jesus came as the root of David
- God promised David that He will never cease to have his descendant on the throne.