

The Life of David Facebook Live Bible Study

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The Future King Read 1 Samuel 16

Introduction

David's name is recorded 1,127 times in Scripture – 58 in the New Testament.

61 chapters of the Bible are devoted to him --
(1 Samuel 16 – 1 Kings 2; 1 Chronicles 11 – 29)

73 of the 150 Psalms are attributed to David, and it is possible that he wrote some of those which name no author.

More has been written about David than any other biblical character. He is the only one in all of Scripture to be called “a man after God's own heart.”

Why does David get such a significant portion of Scripture?

2 Samuel 7:16: “And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure before me. Your throne will be established forever.”

Read 1 Samuel 16:1 – 13

Why is Samuel mourning for Saul? See 1 Samuel 8:4-5 and 19 – 20.

Three reasons they wanted a king:

1. Samuel was old.
2. His sons did not walk in God's way.
3. They wanted to be like the other nations.

What do you do when you've gotten your own way and it's all wrong?

Do you think Samuel is thrilled with this command to go anoint another king?

See 1 Corinthians 1:26 – 29.

Samuel of all people should know by now that outward appearances can be deceiving.

Like Samuel, we have the tendency to “flirt with Eliab” even though we have been burned by Saul!

Finally, he asks Jesse if this is all, and only when asked does Jesse tell him about David, the shepherd boy, the youngest. Why hadn't Jesse called David in already?

What do we know David also did while tending sheep?

He did his job to do to the very best of his ability. What his hand found to do, he did it with all his heart. That would pay off in big dividends in days to come.

What does David do after this? David has to believe by faith that he is the anointed king. He has to wait for God's timing, and there are many years yet before he takes the throne. Nonetheless, he is the king because God said it is so.

We are seated in heavenly places with Christ, even though our feet are here on earth, because God has said it is so. We are clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ and are pure before God because God has said it is so, even though we still struggle with the weakness of our flesh.

Swindoll: “David didn't know it, but he was getting ready to enter boot camp on the road to becoming a king.”

God placed David in the shadow of the throne so he could learn some valuable lessons.