

**Session 7 David's Prophetic Anointing and Saul's Spirit of Distress (1 Sam. 16:12-23)**

**I. SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID AS THE NEW KING OF ISRAEL (1 SAM. 16:11-13)**

*So he (Jesse) sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. Samuel arose and went to Ramah. 14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him. (1 Sam. 16:12-14)*

A. *The Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward* – David was empowered with new qualities (1 Sam. 16:18) that he did not have before to equip him as a king. This is called the spirit of might. The Spirit came upon David and made him mighty in God giving him distinct qualities that he did not possess without the Spirit. This also happened to Saul about 15 years earlier (1 Sam. 10:6-16). The spirit of might empowers David to do special tasks in God's will. Seven qualities are outlined in David's life as distinct operations of God's Spirit working in him.

*The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him...the spirit of counsel and might (Isa. 11:2)*

B. The Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward as an abiding grace of the Spirit giving him ability to do what was impossible to do before. This revelation keeps people humble in accomplishments and seeking God for renewal of favor and power instead of being presumptuous with the anointing of God which is so common.

C. The Spirit of the Lord came upon Bezalel (Ex. 31:2) to empower him with skills and understanding in the area of craftsmanship to lead the enterprise of building the tabernacle of Moses. He built with revelation.

*Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel.. 3 I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, 5 in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship. (Ex. 31:1-5)*

D. Before David received this specific anointing of the Spirit, he was described in terms of his natural endowments and appearance (1 Sam. 16:12).

1. *Ruddy* – reddish complexion and hair. Most Jewish boys had black hair with a dark complexion.

2. *Bright eyes and good-looking* – David was handsome in his natural appearance.

E. *The Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul* (1 Sam. 16:14) – this signaled a prophetic shift in God's purpose. When the Spirit left Samson he didn't know it. A shift in God's purpose occurs here as the Spirit leaves Saul and moves to David.

*He (Samson) did not know that the LORD had departed from him. (Judges 16:20)*

1. Saul was rejected spiritually from his position of king in 1 Sam. 15:28-30, when David was about 15 years old and Saul was then about 55 (Saul was 40 years older than David dying at age 70 years when David was anointed in Hebron at age 30). Saul was rejected for his sin at Gilgal (1 Sam. 13) and with the Amalekites (1 Sam. 15).
  2. Saul was rejected spiritually from his position of king, yet remained in his position for nearly another 15 years, but without the anointing of the Spirit.
- F. **Anoint him in the midst of his brothers** – this resulted in potential danger to Samuel, David, and Jesse's entire family. This probably created negative dynamics with David and his 7 older brothers as young Joseph experienced. ***Saul...will kill me.***
- G. **Leadership Lesson:** receiving God's anointing and promotion leadership creates transitions that can be are difficult and dangerous even when they are in God's will. Samuel, David and David's family were put at risk in the unfolding of God's will in Israel.
- Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more. (Gen. 37:5)***

## II. SAUL IS OPPRESSED BY A DEMONIC SPIRIT (1 SAM. 16:14-15)

***The Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him. 15 Saul's servants said to him, "Surely, a distressing spirit from God is troubling you. (1 Sam. 16:14-15)***

- A. A distressing spirit came on Saul because he had been operating in witchcraft as with a defiant spirit against the Lord. This is much different than the spiritual immaturity that David had.
- Samuel said: "...Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice...23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king." (1 Sam. 15:22-23)***
- B. For an anointed vessel (i.e., king Saul) to become defiant is to risk more severe consequences. If an anointed prophet becomes rebellious, then they go further off the path. To operate in the realm of the supernatural with the Holy Spirit opens one up to supernatural demonic counterattack.
- C. God's discipline is designed to bring us to repentance. This is God's gift to a believer who refuses to repent of persistent sin.
- Satan answered..., Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 Have You (God) not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has...? (Job 1:9-10)***
- In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...5 deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. (1 Cor. 5:4-5)***
- Behold, I will hedge up your way with thorns, and wall her in, so that she cannot find her paths. 7 She will chase her lovers, but not overtake them...then she will say, 'I will go and return to my first husband, for then it was better for me than now.'* (Hos. 2:6-7)**

- D. In 1 Sam. 28, Saul goes deeper into witchcraft in consulting a witch. Job said, “Build a hedge around me.” This was about 13-14 years after the time that David was anointed king in Bethlehem. Saul became tormented and paranoid in an intensive way.
- E. This depressing spirit on Saul was a discipline of the Lord to bring him to repentance. The spirit of insanity that came on Nebuchadnezzar actually brought him to his senses in the end. This is a spirit of distress that would manifest as rage operating in a spirit of terror. The seeds of witchcraft were planted in his rebellion while operating as an anointed vessel.
- F. Principle: new levels of anointing bring new levels of demonic attack (i.e., open to new arenas of intensity in being attacked). A new level of anointing brings new levels of attack and new levels of discipline. The torment on him probably reflected the measure of the Spirit that was previously on him.
  - 1. When some are anointed, they become filled with gratitude towards the Lord. Some become lifted up in pride and then become obstinate when God deals with them. They become accustomed to feeling God’s strength on them.
  - 2. They confuse the issues and become defiant when they get disappointed against the Lord.
  - 3. A counterfeit confidence rises up as they begin to think of it as themselves as deserving the favor of God. They resist servant tasks and commonly attack people.
  - 4. This mystifies those who do not operate in the Spirit and the unusual favor it brings before men.
- G. Most never qualify for this level of oppression. Do not assume the Lord has sent an evil spirit to you when you struggle. Remember Saul was set apart as the anointed king of Israel and he defied God and Samuel the prophet of God.
- H. The Lord has authority over all demonic spirits. God will allow demonic activity on wicked men who operate in the spirit of Saul. In Rev. 9, demonic locusts will be released out of the bottomless pit, then 200 million demonic horsemen with power in their mouths and tails will follow. The Lord uses demons to torment people who choose darkness.

### **III. GOD’S THREE-FOLD PURPOSE IN RELEASING A DISTRESSING SPIRIT ON SAUL**

- A. To judge Saul – as a rebellious king. God killed Saul or took him away in wrath. God killed King Saul or took him away in God’s anger.

*I gave you a king in My anger, and took him away in My wrath. (Hosea 13:11)*

***He (Saul) did not inquire of the LORD; therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David... (1 Chr. 10:14)***

- B. To judge Israel – for rejecting God as their king (1 Sam. 8:7). God first gave them a rebellious king after their own heart. Then it became worse in that Saul became a tormented king. This affected the national policies of Israel that in turn affected all Israel. This was a manifestation of God’s judgment against the entire nation. God sometimes gives a nation a king or president as a judgment on that nation. God gave Saul to Israel in anger because they rejected God as their king (1 Sam. 8). It was not God’s time to give Israel a king (David was born about 15 years into Saul’s reign).
- C. To train David – to be a great king – this was the place to best train David in faith and obedience.

#### **IV. DAVID THE ANOINTED MUSICIAN JOINS SAUL’S ROYAL COURT (16:16–18, 23)**

***Let...your servants...seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well." 17 Saul said..., "Provide me now a man who can play well..." 18 One of the servants...said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing ...and the LORD is with him." 23 Whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it...Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him. (1 Sam. 16:16-23)***

- A. David is a picture of what God wants to release by the Holy Spirit on the End-Time David-generation. We look for NT counterparts to these qualities in the grace of God. David is a picture of the Church that loves, worships and wars in the Spirit.  
***I will make an everlasting covenant with you-- The sure mercies of David. 4 Indeed I have given him as a witness (model to follow) to the people (Isa. 55:3-4)***
  - 1. The first anointing that David receives is in Bethlehem. It is the anointing to do tasks by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then in Hebron and again in Jerusalem, he experiences a growing dimension and depth to what God entrusted to him in Bethlehem.
- B. ***Manifestation of the Spirit #1*** – anointed to release the presence of God to oppressed people. Some of the common ways today are through anointed worship or through praying for individuals.
  - 1. David is a first picture of the potential of the prophetic singer in changing the course of a nation through releasing the presence of God on the king and driving out darkness
  - 2. Prophetic music is more than good music. Prophetic music has a supernatural element to it. In all our acquiring let us operate in the prophetic anointing in music. We must never be content with good “musical jamming sessions” that make people happy, but lack power and the flow of the prophetic anointing.

3. David operated in anointed music at age 17 that affected the king, thus an entire nation.
- C. ***Saul’s servants asked for permission to seek out a skillful harpist*** – to help Saul when the distressing spirit from God came on him. Whenever the distressing spirit from God was on Saul, David played the harp and Saul became refreshed and well, and the spirit departed. Saul gave command to bring somebody who can worship and drive off evil spirits. In other words, a man who moves in that kind of anointing. This absence of an anointed singer when Saul was pursuing David was obvious.
- D. ***Saul’s servants heard of David’s reputation*** – as one skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, one prudent in speech and one in which the LORD was with. **David had been** anointed for possibly a year or so (between v.13 and v.14). David’s reputation as an anointed musician and for his courageous exploits (1 Sam. 17:34) reached the king’s court. How did this servant see David play or hear of him? Was it in preparation before fighting Goliath? The royal servants knew that David was an anointed musician, man of valor and of war, skilled in speech, and that the God of Israel was with him."
- E. As Saul sought for one to play to help him so also will kings in the End-Times.
- F. ***Skillful anointed musician, singer, song writer (sweet psalmist) and preacher*** (Ps. 40:3, 9-10; 145:6; 1 Sam. 16:23; 18:10; 19:9; 2 Sam. 23:1) – to release God's presence to others. David played the harp during Saul's distress (16:16, 18) to refresh him by God's Presence (16:23).
- G. David understood that worship released the power of God’s Throne. Jehoshaphat experienced this in a military crisis as did Elisha when it was time to prophesy to the king.  
***You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel. (Ps. 22:3)***  
  
***When they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. (2 Chr. 20:22)***  
  
***Now bring me a musician. Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him (Elisha). (2 Kings 3:15)***
- H. David sang his way out of trouble  
***He also brought me up out of a horrible pit...and set my feet upon a rock... 3 He has put a new song in my mouth-- many will see it and fear... (Ps. 40:2-3)***  
  
***You shall preserve me from trouble, You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. (Ps. 32:7)***  
  
***Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those also who hate Him flee before Him. 2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away...4 Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name YAH, And rejoice before Him. (Ps. 68:1-4)***

*These are the last words of David. Thus says David the son of Jesse; Thus says the man raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel: (2 Sam. 23:1)*

## V. THE PLACE OF PROPHETIC MUSIC AT END-OF-THE-AGE

*Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise from the ends of the earth...11 Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice...13 The LORD...shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies. (Isa. 42:10-13)*

*Behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000...2 I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. 3 They sang ...a new song before the Throne...and no one could learn that song except the 144,000 who were redeemed from the earth. (Rev. 14:1-3)*

*Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, 7 to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; 8 to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 to execute on them the written judgment-- This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD! (Ps. 149:6-9)*

*In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion...17 the Mighty One, will save...He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." (Zeph. 3:16-17)*

## VI. THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID

- A. Premise: the government of the universe is in the Prayer Room. God is restoring the spiritual weapons of worship with intercession in prophetic worship.
- B. The Tabernacle of David speaks of truth of the governmental restoration of David’s international rule in context to Jewish restoration resulting in the destruction of all of Israel’s enemies, and the exclusive and eternal possession of the entire land of Israel by the people of Israel (2 Sam. 7:10; 1 Chr. 17:9-10). It is the restoration of God’s sovereign **government** over all the nations through David’s dynasty. David’s restored dynasty will be reigning in Jerusalem over the whole earth, as the spiritual, judicial and legislative center of the planet.
- C. God will restore the people of Israel to the land of Israel and restore Israeli **government** to the people of Israel. A sphere of authority that reach all the nations on the earth.
- D. This government will flow from 24-hour prophetic intercessory worship, as it flourished under Davidic rule. When the full restoration of David’s **governmental** rule comes to pass, it will result in world peace and justice (Isa. 2:4; 9:7) and overflowing physical blessings for Israel and the world (see Isa.27:6; 55:3,12-13). In 1983, the Lord spoke to us that He would release a 24-hour-a-day prayer ministry **in the spirit of** the Tabernacle of David. The worship and intercession is not the Tabernacle of David itself but rather the spirit behind this future worldwide government.



- E. **David's progression of government:** David was operating in spiritual government as he worshipped in the open fields of Bethlehem. Then God promoted him to operate governmentally in worship as Saul was refreshed by his anointed worship. Then later he was in the position of king, in two stages, first in Hebron then in Jerusalem. Then he established the Tabernacle of David in Jerusalem which was essential in subduing all his enemies. Then in the Millennial Kingdom, when Tabernacle of David is fully restored he will bring all these element together, as he holds a political position as king, that is supported and energized by the spiritual government of his continued ministry of worship and prayer.
- F. One of the most significant ministries in the earth today is the raising up of prophetic singers. David did raise up an entire new order of music.

## VII. THE 7 FOLD ANOINTING ON DAVID (1 SAM. 16:18-19, 22)

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- A. **Manifestation of the Spirit #1: Skillful in playing (the harp)** – anointed to release the presence of God to people, especially the oppressed. David played the harp during Saul's distress (16:16, 18) with the result of Saul being refreshed by God's Presence (16:23).
- B. **Manifestation of the Spirit #2: Mighty man of valor** – courageous heart
  - 1. Lion and bear (17: 34) –
  - 2. Goliath (17: 50) –
- C. **Manifestation of the Spirit #3: Man of war** – David's anointed and successful victory over the enemy (1 Sam. 16:18) i.e., David's success in killing Goliath (1 Sam. 17: 50).  
***For by You I can run against a troop, by my God I can leap over a wall. (Ps. 18:29)***  
***David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword....I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you...that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel...." (1 Sam. 17:45-47)***
- D. **Manifestation of the Spirit #4: Prudent in speech** – David spoke with godly diplomacy as he was skilled with wise speech. He had skill in relational issues and solving complex tensions. Even in his youth, he possessed gracious diplomacy which reconciled people instead of separating them.
  - 1. Gracious words –

*You are fairer than the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips...(Ps 45:2)*

2. Wise words –

*I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. (Mat 10:16)*

3. Diplomacy the unified and motivated the people to God’s purpose. David understood the “nature of people.” David understand how to motivate and restrain sinful people without idealism in decision making. His patience and wisdom with people of ambition is profound. David could calm an explosive situation instead of adding fire to it.

*David went out wherever Saul sent him, and behaved wisely. Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people.... (1 Sam. 18:5)*

*David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the LORD was with him. 15 Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him. (1 Sam. 18:14-15)*

*David behaved more wisely than all...his name became highly esteemed. (1 Sam. 18:30)*

4. **Leadership Lesson:** Godly diplomacy is vastly different than operating in a "political spirit" which is motivated by selfish ambition out of God’s will.

- E. **Manifestation of the Spirit #5:** Handsome or the spiritual beauty of holiness (Ps. 29:2) –

*Do not let your adornment be merely outward...4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. 5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves... (1 Pet. 3:3-5)*

- F. **Manifestation of the Spirit #6:** God is with him – God’s power and especially a spirit of revelation rested on David. God’s favor on David profoundly humbled him instead of being the occasion of his pride

*Nathan spoke to David. 18 Then King David...sat before the LORD; and he said: "Who am I, O Lord GOD? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?...20 Now what more can David say to You? For You...know Your servant. 21 For Your Word's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all these great things, to make Your servant know them (His Word and heart). 22 Therefore You are great, O Lord GOD...(2 Sam. 7:17-22)*

- G. **Manifestation of the Spirit #7:** Favor of God – David stood before the king because of God’s favor. David started as a poor shepherd boy yet became the wealthiest man in Israel

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*and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." 21 David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer. 22 Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Please let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight." (1 Sam. 16:16, 17, 19, 21, 22)*

1. King Saul requested that David stand before him then become apart of the royal court.
  2. David spends time in the royal court (White House), yet does not live there in a full-time way until later (1 Sam. 18:2). David eventually became Saul's armorbearer.
  3. Saul asked Jesse to send David from servicing the sheep – after being anointed by Samuel and traveling back and forth from the kings court, David still took care of sheep.
  4. The "Ferris wheel of favor" goes up and down.
- H. David became Saul's armorbearer which was a position of unique intimacy and importance in royal court.

***Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings... (Prov 22:29)***

***A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men. (Prov 18:16)***

- I. Whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, David played the harp and Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him. (1 Sam. 16:23)
- J. ***A Divine setup*** – Saul did not know that David was the man Samuel prophesied about replacing him (1 Sam. 13:14; 15:28; 16:1-13). Saul hired David (his future replacement) out of all the thousands of the young men in Israel. David knows he will be king in place of Saul, but doesn't know that he will be trained by Saul in the school of the Spirit.

***The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes. (Proverbs 21:1)***

***The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delights in his way. (Ps. 37:23)***

- K. ***The birthing of the vision: receiving prophetic promises*** –David had no idea it would take 20 years to see these prophecies fulfilled. Leadership Lesson: endurance with long term perspective is essential in walking out ones prophetic destiny.