

## ***Session 1 Lessons in the Life of David (Part One): Review***

### **I. DAVID HAS BEEN GIVEN AS GOD’S PATTERN (WITNESS) FOR THE REDEEMED**

***3 The sure mercies of David. 4 Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people. (Isa. 55:3-4)***

***15 I will give you shepherds according to My heart...will feed you with...understanding (Jer. 3:15)***

- A. David is a model for obedience and faith and pictures what God wants to release by the Spirit on the End-Time Church. We look for NT counterparts to these qualities in the grace of God.
- B. David is a picture of the Church that wholeheartedly loves God and wars in the Spirit. He is a model of the anointed Church that operates in power through worship and intercession that comes from those who walk out lifestyles of radical love and obedience towards Jesus.
- C. Through David’s ministry, God revealed the governmental impact of prophetic intercessory worship. This is the most powerful weapon in shifting government in the spirit and transforming the earth now and in the Millennial Kingdom as it releases the power of God’s Throne. (Ps. 149:6-9). God is enthroned in corporate praise or that praise releases the authority of His Throne. God enthroned in praise means that God moves in power when people corporately praise Him. This Davidic revelation is one of the foundational principles of which IHOP is built on.  
***You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel. (Ps. 22:3)***
- D. One great missing element in national crisis like Sept. 11, 2001, the Indonesian Tsunami (Jan. 2005) or in New Orleans is prophetic singers. A small group of trained prophetic singers from different parts of the Body of Christ could find each other and begin to sing. Thousands would gather around them as the Holy Spirit moved in power to heal, multiply food, release prophetic visions and dreams and drive back darkness, fear and demonic rage and violence. They will operate as a “mobile spiritual warfare special unit” in the Spirit to bring life and drive away death. The End-Time Church will be armed with love songs that wreak destruction on the kingdom of darkness.
- E. The reason we love anointed worship is because God does and He made us in His image.

### **II. HOW WE WILL APPROACH THIS COURSE**

- A. ***Lessons from David’s Leadership***: in episodes of his life (1 & 2 Samuel; 1 Chronicles).
- B. ***Lessons from David’s heart***: new paradigms of life through intimacy with God (Psalms).
  1. What David saw about God’s heart: David, the theologian of God’s beauty and affection.
  2. What David saw about himself in God’s sight: David’s beauty before God’s eyes
  3. What David saw about others through God’s eyes: David’s enlightened view of people.
  4. What David saw in circumstances: how David handled pressure and prosperity.

- C. **The goal of this course:** to make one familiar with the life of David so they might be equipped to read it over and over with a spirit of devotion. Read commentaries on 1 & 2 Samuel. I used to read 1 & 2 Samuel straight through on transatlantic flights, (typically 10 hours) or by taking a full-time day at home. Taking a course of 1& 2 Samuel is not enough without private study.
- D. Historical Context (approximate dates)  
4000 BC Adam and Eve  
2000 BC Abraham in covenant with God  
1500 BC Moses and the Exodus  
1010 BC King David dies. Solomon becomes King  
722 BC Northern Kingdom of Israel destroyed by Assyrians  
587 BC Nebuchadnezzar destroys Jerusalem/Temple. Third (final) deportation to Babylon  
536 BC Jews return to rebuild Jerusalem and temple

### III. SAUL'S REJECTION (2 KEY EPISODES): SETTING THE CONTRAST FOR DAVID'S LIFE

- A. Saul's sin at Gilgal (1 Sam. 13) was in functioning in the role of a priest in direct disobedience to God. Kings were not permitted to function in a priestly role in offering sacrifices.

***8 Go before me (Samuel) to Gilgal...I will come...to offer burnt offerings... (1 Sam. 10:8)***

***2 Saul chose for himself 3000 men of Israel....5 the Philistines gathered together to fight with Israel, 30,000 chariots....6 The men of Israel saw that they were in danger 8...The people scattered from him. 9 Saul...offered the burnt offering...11 Samuel said, "What have you done?" Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattered from me...and that the Philistines gathered together...12. I offered a burnt offering." 13 Samuel said, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD...for now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. 14 But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart...because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you." (1 Sam. 13:2-13)***

- B. Saul's next major recorded sin was with the Amalekites (1 Sam. 15) in failing to obey God in executing judgment on God's enemies (Amalekites). Saul repented only when he was caught while David repented because he offended God.

***1 Samuel said to Saul, "...heed the voice of the words of the LORD. 2 Thus says the LORD: 'I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt. 3 Go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them'....9 Saul...spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen...and all that was good...10 The word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying, 11 "I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me..."22 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 has rejected you from being king." 24 Saul said, "I have sinned...because I feared the people and obeyed their voice...26 Samuel said, "...you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel." (1 Sam. 15:1-26)***

- C. Saul was king for another 15 years (possibly Saul was 55 here and died at 70). God knew the whole time that He would kill Saul, but waited until David was ready to rule in a way that would bring pleasure to God and bless His people.

#### IV. THE MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART: 3-FOLD EXPRESSION

*14 The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart... (1 Sam. 13:14)*

- A. To obey the commands of God's heart (sincerity of intention)
- B. To study the emotions of God's heart (intimacy in encountering God's beauty and heart)
- C. To contend for the purpose of God's heart (full power/promises in our destiny)

#### V. DAVID'S CORE REALITY: IDENTITY BASED IN INTIMACY AND MEEKNESS

The most important issue in this teaching is the following. The primary way in which David saw himself and measured the success of his life was by two core issues: intimacy with God and meekestness before people. His identity or sense of value and success was found in his intimacy with God as being loved by God and in being a lover of God then second, in walking in meekness with people. David *felt successful before God as he grew in love and meekness*.

#### VI. VALUES AND SKILLS THAT DEFINE DAVID AS HIGHLIGHTED IN SCRIPTURE

- A. *Passionate worshipper* – longing to encounter and understand God's beauty (Ps 27:4; 18:1; 31:23; 36:8; 145:5) with wonder (Ps. 19; 36; 145). David was first and foremost a worshipper.
- B. *Confidence in God's mercy* (Ps. 13:5; 18:19) – in failure and weakness (Ps. 32; 38; 51; 69). David had unusual ability to fully receive the free mercy and goodness of God.
- C. *Confidence in God's Sovereignty* – David saw God as his source of protection, provision, and direction. David settled conflict by proclaiming "*let the Lord judge/decide*" (Ps. 31:5; 1 Sam. 24:12, 15; 26:9-11, 23-24; 2 Sam. 2:1-4; 5:12; 15:26; 16:5-14; 1 Chr. 12:17; 19:13).
- D. *Deep intention to obey* – David had a deep resolve to obey God. In his weakness, he would receive God's mercy as the means to return to radical obedience. There was a strong and persistent "yes" in his spirit to God. (Ps. 40:8; 1 Kings 11:34; 2 Chr. 7:12-18; Acts 13:22, 36).
- E. *Humble and generous leadership style* – David had a teachable spirit and was restrained in times of loss, pressure and especially in victory. He was easy to correct. He had a servant spirit in being found faithful in small things (1 Sam. 17:22; Ps. 78:72). He walked in generosity and tenderheartedness towards others with a free spirit in showing kindness to people in need as well as to those who mistreated him (Ps. 41:1-3; 2 Sam. 2:5).

- F. ***Zealous warrior*** (courageous) – David was a man of war as one courageous and aggressive in driving out the enemy from the midst of God’s people ((Ps. 18:29; 1 Sam. 16:18).
- G. ***Prudent in speech*** – David spoke with godly diplomacy. He had skill in relational issues (solving complex tensions) in unifying, not dividing people (1 Sam. 16:18; 18:5, 14-15, 30).
- H. ***Fasted lifestyle*** – David spent much time in prayer, fasting and the Scripture. He studied and meditated on the Scripture (Ps. 19:7-11; 145) with prayer/fasting (Ps 35:13; 69:7-12; 109:24).
- I. ***Receives from and operates in the Holy Spirit*** – anointed with power (exploits, deeds) and being a prophet with prophetic revelation (Acts 2:29-30). He was a “messenger” in his generation.
- J. ***Skillful anointed musician, singer, song writer (sweet psalmist) and preacher*** (Ps. 40:3, 9-10; 145:6; 1 Sam. 16:16-18, 23; 18:10; 19:9; 2 Sam. 23:1) – to release God's presence to others.

## VII. THE FIVE SEASONS (KEY CITIES) AND THREE ANOINTINGS IN DAVID’S LIFE

- A. ***Bethlehem*** (1 Sam. 16; age: until approximately 17 years old) was also the ***first time David was anointed to be king*** (1 Sam. 16:13). This is where David received his initial call to be king of Israel. David was empowered to do tasks while developing spiritual identity (loved by God and lover of God) and meekness by being faithful in the mundane (small things) as he develops a servant spirit. This is what God wanted to establish in David in the Bethlehem season in order to develop a root system in these two realities that would go deep. In a ministry context, this corresponds to serving behind the scenes in the mundane that supports others without it consciously contributing to our promotion in a ministry position. David was faithful (responsible) with the small details in leaving his supplies in good hands (1 Sam. 17:22). ***Leadership Lesson:*** focus on establishing our identity as we are faithful to serve in the mundane. (Mt. 25:21; 1 Sam. 16:10-11; 17:22).
- B. ***Gibeah*** (1 Sam. 17-20; age: approximately 18-23 years old) – David’s identity is tested and strengthened by early praise and success (promotion before men) before a soon coming season of testing that would last about seven years. In this season, David killed Goliath, which resulted in him being promoted to national prominence. The young women throughout the nation sang songs of his triumph. David was honored in marrying the King's daughter. David was invited to move to Gibeah, which was King Saul's royal court or governmental headquarters (Washington, DC). ***David was tested with praise and adversity at the same time.***
- C. ***Adullam*** (1 Sam. 21-31; age: approximately 23-30 years old) – David’s identity is tested as he is strengthened by adversity. The Adullam cave years in the wilderness is where David is tested not with praise and success, but with hardship and difficulty.

- D. **Hebron** (2 Sam. 2-5; age: from 30-37 years old) – The **second time David was anointed was in Hebron** (2 Sam. 2:4). This is where David was anointed or empowered to govern God's people without losing his primary identity or his servant spirit. David is tested again in only receiving a partial inheritance after a long season of testing. In Hebron, David was established only as king of Judah (which was only one of the twelve tribes of Israel that he was prophesied to lead). In a ministry context, this would correspond with the difficulties of laboring in the difficult behind the scenes work of leadership (problem solving frustrations and set-backs).
- E. **Jerusalem/Zion** (2 Sam. 6-24; age: from 37-70 years old) – The **third time David was anointed was in Jerusalem** (2 Sam. 5:3). This is where David was anointed or empowered to conquer God's enemies without losing his identity or servant spirit. This is the season in which we walk in our full destiny or purpose of God in this age. In a ministry context, this corresponds with power ministry in public. This is the season that most long for. David's identity was tested in this season as he experienced the fulfillment of his earthly promises before the Millennial Kingdom with a measure of prosperity in earthly circumstances.

#### VIII. GOD SENT SAMUEL TO BETHLEHEM TO ANOINT A NEW KING (1 SAM. 16:1-3)

*1 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons." 2 Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' 3 "Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you."* (1 Sam. 16:1-3)

- A. Samuel was sent to Jesse (David's father) who lived in Bethlehem.
- B. Samuel's humanity is seen in mourning over Saul's failure and fearing Saul's anger. Samuel was sent to anoint David to replace Saul. Establishing another king could be seen as an act of treason. God tells him to offer a sacrifice (1 Sam. 16: 2). Samuel makes a sacrifice since there was no central sanctuary yet.
- C. **Leadership Lesson:** leadership transitions can be difficult and dangerous even in God's will. Samuel, David and David's family were put at risk in the unfolding of God's will in Israel.
- D. God told Samuel to go to Bethlehem knowing that God would show him what to do later. God directs us one step at a time. Jesus taught us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread" (Mt. 6:11). Daily bread speaks of God's daily provision and direction. We prefer monthly bread.

#### IX. THE KINGDOM PARADIGM REVEALED: SAMUEL ANOINTED DAVID (1 SAM. 16:4-11)

**4 Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" 5 And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him." 7 The LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance (externals: performance, accomplishments, skills, position, training, wealth, fame, opportunities, failure) or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart (movements of the heart: anointing of love)." 8 Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 9 Jesse made Shammah pass by. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11 Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." Samuel said, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here." (1 Sam. 16:4-11)**

- A. Samuel was sent to a poor family in lowly Bethlehem (insignificant village; Mic. 5:2). In this God made a statement about His values which are so different than man's. It was about a 25 mile walk (south) from Samuel's home in Ramah to Bethlehem (1 Sam. 8:4; 16:13). David is probably 17 years old. This may be 2-3 years after Saul's rejection with the Amalekites.
- B. Samuel, as a seasoned prophet made false assumptions and missed what God was doing in the most significant appointment in Israel history. **Principle:** God chooses people that others reject. **Leadership Lesson:** God chooses differently than man by esteeming weak and unknown people and selecting the "out of the way" place and the "unqualified person" for His purposes.
- C. David was rejected by his family. When Samuel asked if there were other sons, Jesse said, "The youngest one, there he is, keeping the sheep." At the most significant event in Jesse's family, David was asked to keep the sheep. This was like mowing the lawn. This showed contempt for David. David turned the sheep over to a keeper when he was asked to carry food to his brothers (1 Sam. 17:20). They could only see a shepherd boy in David. God saw a man with a heart after His heart. None of his brothers went to Adullam, nor were they in his government, nor one of David's mighty men (2 Sam. 23).

**10 When my father and my mother forsake me...the LORD will take care of me. (Ps. 27:10)**

**11 My loved ones and my friends stand aloof...my relatives stand afar off. (Ps. 38:11)**

**5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. (Ps. 51:5)**

**28 Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke...and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? With whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart..." (1 Sam. 17:28)**

**7 Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; shame has covered my face. 8 I have become a stranger to my brothers, and an alien to my mother's children; 9 Because zeal for Your**

*house has eaten me up, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me. 10 When I wept and chastened my soul with fasting, that became my reproach. (Ps. 69:7-10)*

- D. Samuel refused to sit down till David came. God did not allow the dinner (prophetic drama) to begin without David being present. David understood that God found him in Bethlehem (Ps. 78:70-71; 89:20). David grew in confidence that God would “find him” in conflicts in the future (2 Sam. 15).

*I have found My servant David...with My holy oil I anointed him. (Ps. 89:20)*

*He also chose David His servant, and took him from the sheepfolds; 71 from following the ewes that had young He brought him, to shepherd Jacob His people. (Ps. 78:70-71)*

- E. **Leadership Lesson:** God knows our address and His timing is never late. The Lord will make all seven brothers stand and wait until “His David” is in place. David did not try to get Samuel’s favor or attention. God needs no help in locating “His Davids.” We don’t have to strive to get attention from the people in charge. David was out of the sight of men worshipping God and serving. We do not need to push (invite) ourselves to places of honor if we believe that God will call us to His ordained place for us in His perfect time.

## X. GOD CHOOSES ACCORDING TO WHAT IS IN OUR HEART (1 SAM. 16:7))

*7 The LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance (*externals: performance, accomplishments, etc.*) or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart (*movements of the heart: anointing of love.*).” (1 Sam. 16:7)*

*18 While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal. (2 Cor. 4:18)*

- A. In choosing David, God revealed how He views and chooses His people. He desires and chooses people that others pass-by and reject. God corrected the way Samuel viewed or evaluated (measured) people at the time when he was choosing the most important king in the OT (1 Sam. 16:4-11).
- B. God’s foundational revelation to Samuel is that the **LORD does not see as man sees** because man looks at the outward appearance externals (performance, accomplishments, skills, position, training, wealth, fame, opportunities, failure) whereas God looks at the internal movements of the heart (growth in love and meekness). From this experience, Samuel taught David how God views His people. David knew that God viewed the growth of David’s heart much more than the growth of David’s achievements and abilities.
- C. A core principle in David’s life was what he learned from Samuel, that the LORD does not see as man sees. People measure themselves and each other by appearances while God measures us by internals. David focused on his heart more than his role.

- D. People most often measure themselves (and each other) by **positive externals** (*performance, accomplishments, skills, position, training, wealth, fame, opportunities*) while God measures by internals (*intentions and movements of the heart toward God*).
- E. Sometimes we look at ourselves (or others) through the **negative externals** (our lack of gifting, spiritual achievement or lack of current opportunity or position of honor) and wrongly conclude that we have no future importance in God's purpose.
- F. We are those with a spiritual identity rooted in God's heart and Christ's righteousness.  
***16 We regard no one according to the flesh...17 If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new...21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Cor. 5:16-21)***
- G. **Principle:** God chooses people according to their heart. God evaluates them according to the desires and growth of their heart, not what they achieve externally or what gifts they have. David wrote many psalms flowing out this principle. God does not evaluate the human heart as we naturally do.
- H. In Song 4:1-5, the Lord called forth the budding virtues in the immature Bride. The Lord saw the budding beauty in David's life and identified him as a man after His own heart, thus calling forth those qualities into fullness and maturity. The Lord sees the embryonic desires in us and calls them lovely, as He delights in us just as He did David. ***As a result, David walked in gratitude which is the power of love.*** God sees the genuineness of our sincere intentions that are yet not matured. We often do not see them in our hearts; therefore, we don't easily identify them in others. Most view themselves through accusation and condemnation, which chokes our hearts. We have confidence in God's mercy even in times of failure and weakness (Ps. 32; 38; 51; 69).  
***5 I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. (Ps. 13:5)***
- I. Jesus expanded on how God measures our success. Jesus called us to be faithful in small things. Most are called to be faithful in a few things in this age and then in many things in the age-to-come. If we derive our spiritual identity by how much we are over now, we get distracted.  
***17 Well done...you were faithful in a very little, have authority over 10 cities. (Lk. 19:17)***  
***21 Well done...you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many. (Mt. 25:21)***
- J. **Leadership Lesson:** This revelation determines the way we measure or value our work, destiny and the essence of our life. We all have a God given longing for greatness. But how we define it and pursue it is one of most foundational areas of life. This is an issue that many have the wrong paradigm for. We must not give up on our desire to be great because of we lack opportunity to be noticed or promoted by men. Nor would we give up because we lack victory in a certain area of our lives. God sees the movements of our heart more than our achievements or even our failures.

## XI. SAMUEL TAUGHT DAVID HOW GOD VIEWED HIM AND HIS CALLING AS KING

- A. God has desire and emotion invested in His people and their roles. Jesus is not just looking for positions to fill, but He is emotionally involved at many levels in choosing His people. David saw himself as a king for God's pleasure. The Davidic anointing is to get lost in God's love.  
***3 Know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly... (Ps. 4:3)***
- B. David understood he was anointed to "provided a king for God"  
***1 The LORD said to Samuel, "...fill your horn...and go...to Jesse...I have provided Myself a king among his sons...3 You shall anoint for Me the one I name to you."... (1 Sam. 16:1-3)***
- C. God wanted David for Himself and commanded him to be king. Therefore, David would focus on living "for God" and His pleasure and had assurance of his earthly role as king of Israel.  
***14 The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart... (1 Sam. 13:14)***
- D. David had revelation about God choosing him during the days of small beginnings in Bethlehem.  
***1 David assembled...all the leaders of Israel...2 and said, "...4 The LORD chose me above all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever, for He has chosen...among the sons of my father, He was pleased with me to make me king... (1 Chr. 28:1-5)***
- E. David's foundational understanding about God's heart was formed by the truth God reveal to Samuel on this day. Samuel taught David new things about God's heart that formed David's understanding of God and himself in the grace of God. This dynamically affected David's view of himself as God's beloved (Ps 60:5), apple of God's eye (Ps 17:8), one God delighted in (Ps. 18:19), one God treated with gentleness (Ps. 18:35) and the excellence of this saints (Ps. 16:3).
- F. This foundational understanding of being chosen by and delighted in by God equipped David to become a theologian of God's emotions and beauty. ***David's confidence in love before God*** allowed him to enjoy life by living in the reality of his "belovedness" and "greatness" before God without any relationship to what he accomplished externally.

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

***12 So he (Jesse) sent and brought him in. He was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. The LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" 13 Samuel...anointed him in the midst of his brothers; the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. (1 Sam. 16:12-13)***

- A. Before David received this specific anointing of the Spirit, he was described in terms of his natural endowments and appearance (1 Sam. 16:12). David's unusual physical feature (attractive) made him stick out.
1. Ruddy – reddish complexion and hair in contrast to black hair with a dark complexion.

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

B. Samuel anointed David in the midst of his brothers – this resulted in potential danger to Samuel, David, and Jesse’s entire family because of Saul’s jealous rage. This probably also created negative dynamics with David and his 7 older brothers as young Joseph experienced.

*5 Joseph had a dream...he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more. (Gen. 37:5)*

### **XIII. THE SPIRIT OF MIGHT CAME ON DAVID**

*13 The Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. (1 Sam. 16:13)*

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

The Spirit came on David enabling him to do *special tasks in God’s will*. God’s invisible hand operated on his behalf. We cannot move people nor circumstances sufficiently to accomplish God’s will unless God moves behind the scenes. Understanding the “spirit of might” in our achievements and victories keeps God’s people *humble* and *hungry* in seeking God for renewal of His favor and power. Many have initiated a ministry that required God’s invisible activity, only then to grieve the Spirit and thus end up in impossible situations of not being able to maintain what was established by the invisible hand of God.

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

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

A. Saul was rejected by God from his position of king in 1 Sam. 15:28-30, yet remained in his position for nearly another 15 years, but without the anointing of the Spirit. This in itself was part of God’s judgment. At that time, David was about 15 years old and Saul was then about 55 (Saul died at age 70 years when David was 30 years old. Saul was 40 years older than David).

B. The Spirit departed from Saul. Thus, the invisible supernatural dimension of the Spirit’s activity no longer occurred in his life. It was replaced by a spirit of distress (fear, insanity, rage, etc.).

C. A distressing spirit came on Saul because he had been operating in witchcraft as with a defiant spirit against the Lord. God honors our free will. He gave Saul more of what he choose. About 13-14 years later (1 Sam. 28), Saul shows his refusal to repent as he goes deeper into witchcraft.

*22 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as...idolatry. (1 Sam. 15:22-23)*

D. The principle is that of God honoring man’s free will. If people choose to walk in darkness with demons, then God allows the demons more freedom in their activity. What people want is to live with darkness on the inside yet have God’s favor on the outside. This is an option that does not exist. Whatever we choose on the inside eventually is manifest in our external circumstances.

- E. Saul's defiance is much different than David's spiritual immaturity. The seeds of witchcraft were planted in his rebellion while operating as an anointed vessel.
- F. 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.
- 9 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)***
- 4 In the name of our Lord...when you are gathered together...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... (1 Cor. 5:4-5)***
- 6 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)***
- G. ***Principle:*** new levels of anointing bring new levels of demonic attack along with new levels of divine discipline. The torment on him probably reflected the same measure of the Spirit that was previously on him.

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

- A. To judge Saul – as a rebellious king. God killed King Saul or took him away in God's anger.
- 11 I gave you a king (Saul) in My anger, and took him away in My wrath. (Hos. 13:11)***
- 14 He (Saul) did not inquire of the LORD; therefore He killed him... (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. Things became worse in that Saul became a demonized leader. God sometimes gives a nation a king or president as a judgment on a nation.
- 11 I gave you a king (Saul) in My anger... (Hos. 13:11)***
- C. To train David – to be great in faith, obedience, meekness and wisdom.

#### **XVI. DAVID'S 7-FOLD ANOINTING: A PICTURE OF THE END-TIME CHURCH**

***18 One of the servants...said, "I have seen a son of Jesse...who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD is with him." 22 Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David stand before me, he has found favor in my sight." (1 Sam. 16:18-22)***

The spirit of might came on David (v.13) as a supernatural enabling that continued until the end of David's life. This passage teaches us ***much about what God will do in this hour as we understand how the anointing of the Spirit operated in David's life.*** He was empowered with seven supernatural qualities equipping him as king. We look for NT counterparts to these qualities.

## **XVII. MANIFESTATION #1: SKILLFUL IN PLAYING – RELEASING GOD'S PRESENCE**

*15 Saul's servants said, "Surely, a distressing spirit from God is troubling you. 16 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. 16:15-23)*

- A. Prophetic music is the first characteristic mentioned in the list of seven. It is the most emphasized and the most important one.
- B. God raised up David as an anointed singer to release the presence of God to people especially the oppressed. David joins Saul's royal court as a court musician to release God's presence to Saul. Saul's servants heard of David's reputation as an anointed musician. David had been anointed for possibly a year or so (between v.13 and v.14). How did this servant of Saul see David play or hear of him? The absence of an anointed singer when Saul was pursuing David was obvious.
- C. David's anointing in relieving Saul's distress gives a dramatic picture of the End-Time Church empowered in prophetic worship and intercession to flow in power before the oppressed and especially in victory before the End-Time armies of darkness.
- D. David is a picture of what God will release by the Spirit on the End-Time David-generation. He is a picture of the anointed Church that operates in power through worship. Prophetic worship is God's most powerful weapon in shifting government in the spirit (Ps. 149:6-9; Rev. 4-5). The End-Time Church will be armed with love songs that wreak destruction on the kingdom of darkness.
- E. David operated in anointed music that affected the king, thus an entire nation. Prophetic music has a supernatural element to it. We must never be content with good "musical jamming sessions" that people enjoy, but lack power to deliver the sick and demonized.
- F. As Saul sought for one to play to help him so also will kings in the End-Times. God will use prophetic music at the end-of-the-age (Ps. 149:6-9; Isa. 42:10-13; Zeph. 3:16-17; Rev. 14:1-3).

- G. One great missing element in national crisis like Sept. 11, 2001, the Indonesian Tsunami (Jan. 2005) or in New Orleans is prophetic singers. A small group of trained prophetic singers from different parts of the Body of Christ could find each other and begin to sing. Thousands would gather around them as the Holy Spirit moved in power to heal, multiply food, release prophetic visions and dreams and drive back darkness, fear and demonic rage and violence. They will operate as a “mobile spiritual warfare special unit” in the Spirit to bring life and drive out death.
- H. David is a 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.
- I. God is enthroned in corporate praise or that praise releases the authority of His Throne (Ps. 22:3). God enthroned in praise means that God moves in power when people corporately praise Him. This Davidic revelation is one of the foundational principles of which IHOP is built on.

#### **XVIII. MANIFESTATION #2: MIGHTY MAN OF VALOR – COURAGE BEFORE OPPOSITION**

David had courage in a national crisis with Goliath (1 Sam. 17:45-47). He rose up in faith before impossible odds to change the course of his nation. Boldness or courage is the opposite of the spirit of fear that will dominate the multitudes (Luke 21:26; Acts 4:13-34).

*13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John... (Acts 4:13)*

*29 Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness... (Acts 4:29)*

*26 Men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. (Luke 21:26)*

#### **XIX. MANIFESTATION #3: MAN OF WAR – DEFEATS THE ENEMY WITH GOD’S POWER**

- A. David had more than courage, but a proven ministry that successfully defeated the enemy with God’s power. There were many examples of this in David’s life after this point. In the NT setting, this could refer to being effective in evangelism or healing the sick, etc.

*32 The people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits. (Dan. 11:32)*

*12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. (Jn. 14:12)*

*17 In the last days, says God, I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams...19 I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. (Acts 2:17-19)*

#### **XX. MANIFESTATION #4: PRUDENT IN SPEECH – WISE SPEECH (PRIVATE/PUBLIC)**

*5 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)*

*14 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)*

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

A. Divine diplomacy unifies and motivates God's people to rise up to do God's purpose without division. Wise speech avoids the naivety of idealism, the bitterness of cynicism and the ambition of a political spirit that compromises (fear of man that refuses to take a stand). Godly diplomacy is vastly different than operating in a "political spirit" which is motivated by selfish ambition out of God's will.

B. David understood the nature of people. David understood how to motivate and restrain weak and sinful people without falling to idealism, cynicism or a political spirit. His patience and wisdom with people of ambition was profound. David could calm an explosive situation instead of adding fire to it. This will be an essential anointing in the End-Time crisis. He had skill in relational issues and solving complex tensions.

C. Guileless yet wise words are necessary to best serve God's purposes.

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

*19 But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; 20 for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. (Mt. 10:19-20)*

## XXI. MANIFESTATION #5: HANDSOME – BEAUTY OF HOLINESS (NT COUNTERPART)

*3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward...4 rather the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is 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)*

The Holy Spirit makes believers attractive so that people "smell" the fragrance of God through them and desire to have what they have (2 Cor. 2:14-16; Isa. 61:3). David said that God desires to beautify His people (Ps. 149:4). Moses prayed for this to be released (Ps. 90:17).

## XXII. MANIFESTATION #6: LORD IS WITH HIM – ESPECIALLY THE SPIRIT OF REVELATION

*19 Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel....knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the LORD. (1 Sam. 3:19-20)*

*30 Being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him (David) that of the fruit of his body...He would raise up the Christ... 31 he foreseeing this, spoke of the Christ... (Acts 2:30-31)*

*11 David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule (temple)...12 and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD...19 All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans." (1 Chr. 28:11-21)*

**XXIII. MANIFESTATION #7: FAVOR OF GOD – BLESSED CIRCUMSTANCES**

*21 David came to Saul and stood before him. He loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer. 22 Saul sent to Jesse, "let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight." (1 Sam. 16:21-22)*

*5 Saul set him over the men of war...he was accepted in the sight of all the people... (1 Sam. 18:5)*

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

A. David became Saul's armorbearer which was a position of unique intimacy and importance in the royal court. David stood before the king because of God's favor. God's favor touched David's circumstances in many ways (political, economic, spiritual, military, ministry, etc). David started as a poor shepherd boy, yet became the wealthiest man in Israel.

B. The "*Ferris wheel of favor*" goes up and down.

C. God's favor on David profoundly humbled him instead of being the occasion of his pride.

*18 David...sat before the LORD and said: "Who am I, O Lord? What is my house, that You have brought me this far?...20 What more can David say to You? For You...know Your servant. (2 Sam. 7:18-20)*