

Session 2 God's Call on David: Related to Heart Responses (1 Sam. 16:7-13)

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)

- 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'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 meekness 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***.

C. In the early stages of David's life he had to overcome rejection by his family (1 Sam. 16:7-11). The spirit of rejection tempts us to interpret information and events from the view of a victim (thinking it was mostly done to stand against them). The spirit of rejection in David as a future leader would influence his interpretation of people and events and would be easily imparted to others causing division.

D. In session one, we reviewed last semester by introducing the general themes in the life of David.

E. 1 Sam. 16:1-13 tells us what God is looking for as He releases His call on our lives. His eyes search the earth for those whose heart is fully His. This is the spiritual root system that David developed in his secret history before God.

9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. (2 Chr. 16:9)

F. 1 Sam. 16:13-17:58 shows us God's choice of David into leadership. This call is based on David's heart responses and comes suddenly and has a supernatural dimension to it. In this session, we see David beginning to experience God's intervention, activity and power. This provides a model for the type of activity of the Spirit that we can expect when God chooses a leader. The leader must be ready with a developed spiritual root system by this time.

1. In 1 Sam. 16:13-23, we see Saul's personal crisis as the opportunity that God used to manifest His power and activity through David. (This choice only works if David is ready in his heart responses).
2. In 1 Sam. 17:1-58, we see Israel's national crisis as the opportunity that God used to manifest His power and activity through David.

II. GOD CHOOSES ACCORDING TO WHAT IS IN OUR HEART (I SAM. 16:7))

- A. The Kingdom paradigm revealed: Samuel anointed David (1 Sam. 16:4-11)
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 We do not look at the things which are seen, but at things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things...not seen are eternal. (2 Cor. 4:18)
- B. 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).
- C. 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.
- D. In choosing David, God revealed to us how He views and chooses His people. He chooses people that others 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).
- E. 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 people. David knew God viewed the growth of his heart more than his achievements.
- F. 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.
- G. 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)
- H. **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.

- I. 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)
- J. 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)
- K. **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 the 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 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.
- L. In choosing David, God revealed how He chooses His people. Samuel was sent to a poor family in lowly Bethlehem (insignificant village; Mic. 5:2). God chose the child that the family rejected. They could only see a shepherd boy in David. God saw a man with a heart after His heart. In this God made a statement about His values which are so different than man's.
- M. 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 (Ps. 78:70-71; 89:20). David grew in confidence that God would "find him" in conflicts in the future (2 Sam. 15).
20 I have found My servant David...with My holy oil I anointed him. (Ps. 89:20)
70 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)
- N. **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.

III. 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. Paul lived in the same spirit that David cultivated.
9 Therefore we make it our aim...to be well pleasing to Him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. (2 Cor. 5:9-10)
- E. 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)
- F. David's foundational understanding about God's heart was formed by the truth God revealed 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).
- G. 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.

IV. SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID AS THE NEW KING OF ISRAEL (1 SAM. 16:12-13)

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)