

A MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART – GOD EXALTS DAVID

2nd Samuel 2:1-10; 3:1-39; 4:1-7; 5:1-12

After *God* had removed *Saul*, He raised up David to be *Israel's* king, concerning whom *God* also testified and said, **"I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My heart, who will do all My will."**

Acts 13:22

Q: Do You Desire to be A Man/Woman After God's Heart?

"For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His."
2nd Chronicles 16:9a

David's 1st Anointing (Age ~17) – King-Elect; - Saul remained as reigning King

1 Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? ... go ... to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have selected a king for Myself among his sons."
... 7b God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but **the LORD looks at the heart.**
... 13 Then **Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David** in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. 1st Samuel 16:1-13 (H.S: David & John the Baptist)

- David waited for God's timing; continuing his routine as a shepherd, servant/musician and warrior. (Always Wait until God says Go! (David resisted two opportunities to kill Saul and thus "expedite" God's plan.)

David's 2nd Anointing (Age 30) – King over the house of Judah; Ishbosheth king over Israel

1 Then it came about afterwards (*after Saul's & Jonathan's death*) that David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up to one of the cities of Judah?" And the LORD said to him, "Go up." So David said, "Where shall I go up?" And He said, "To Hebron." 2 So David went up there *with his men* and lived in the cities of Hebron. 4 **Then the men of Judah came and there anointed David king over the house of Judah.**

2nd Samuel 2:1-4

- David sought God's direction on the "big moves" of life.
(While living out the "how," God fills in the "what," "when" and "where;" but not always the "why.")
- David demonstrated patience waiting for God's timing for his rightful crowning. (Abner, commander of Saul's army, installed Ish-bosheth, Saul's only living son, as king over the other eleven tribes of Israel.)
- David demonstrated patience after being crowned king over his tribe Judah, but not yet all of Israel.
Now there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David; and David grew steadily stronger, but the house of Saul grew weaker continually. 2nd Samuel 3:1
- David's life testimony was pleasing to God and man as he waited for God's plan to be fulfilled.

Now all the people took note of *David's remorse over Abner's murder by Joab*, and it pleased them, just as everything the king did pleased all the people. 2nd Samuel 3:36

David's 3rd Anointing (Age 37) – King over the house of Israel & Judah; finally King over all

1 Then *the other eleven* tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. 2 Previously, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and in. And the LORD said to you, 'You will shepherd My people Israel, and you will be a ruler over Israel.'" 3 So **all the elders of Israel's eleven tribes came to David at Hebron, and ... they anointed David king over Israel.** 4 David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. 5 At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah. ... 10 David became greater and greater, for the LORD God of hosts was with him. ... 12 David realized that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that the LORD had exalted his kingdom for the sake of His people Israel. 2nd Samuel 5:1-12

- David, after a 20 year wait, saw God's promise fulfilled, but saw himself as more shepherd than king. (David recognized it was God's hand that established him as king over Israel, not all the political maneuvering.)