

Lesson Notes:

## **David, A Man After God's Own Heart**

David is probably the most recognized King in the history of Israel. The Old Testament documents his life from its early beginnings, his defeat of Goliath in defense of God and his people, his service to God through his loyalty to King Saul, his years as King including his sin of adultery and the loss of his son Absalom, and his final instructions to his son Solomon on his death bed. Even through David's sin God called David, "a man after his own heart". David's genuine love of God and his faithful act of repentance were key to overcoming his sin and the restoration of his relationship with God. Following is a summary of David's life and the characteristics we so desire in our own lives.

### **Scriptural Principles**

- 1) David was both faithful and courageous.** – In **1 Samuel 17** we read the story of David and Goliath. Many believe that David may have been between the age of 12-14 yet he challenged and defeated a giant over 9 feet tall and 500 lbs. In defense of his God and his nation. In this one act David displayed love for his God and nation, courage and faith in his God that he would bring him victory. These are all traits that we and God admire in people.
- 2) David was Loyal to God** - David valued his relationship with God more than his own personal gain. In **1 Samuel 24:1-6** David could have easily killed Saul in the cave but he refrains from doing so as not to upset the plan of God. In **1 Samuel 26:6-9** David refrains from killing Saul for a Second Time while Saul was sleeping.
- 3) David's love for his God** – In **2 Samuel 6:6-15** he escorted the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem so that God could be in the presence of his people and his people in the presence of their God. In addition, David wrote most of the Psalms which sing praises to our Lord most high.
- 4) David was compassionate toward others.** – In **2 Samuel 9:6-9** when most Kings would have considered Mephibosheth a rival and therefore putting him to death he treated Mephibosheth the lame son of Johnathan with great kindness.
- 5) David's Repentance** – In **2 Samuel 12:13** we see that David is truly sorry for his sins of adultery and murder and his genuine repentance. God looks for us to repent regardless of the sin and to express genuine remorse as David did.
- 6) David experiences Loss and Sorrow** – In **2 Samuel 18:33** David wept bitterly at the death of his son. Who among us has not experienced a similar loss.
- 7) David's advice to Solomon** - In **1 Kings 2: 1 – 4** David's final instructions to Solomon was to serve the Lord and honor his name and commandments.

**8) A Man After God's Heart** - As a result of David's repentance, his undying Love for his Lord God, and his desire to do God's Will Paul said David was a man "after God's own heart" - **Acts 13: 21-23**