



# **A STUDY OF DAVID “FROM SHEPHERD TO KING”**

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# **PRESENTATION OVERVIEW**

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- III. David is Rejected by King Saul**
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- V. Lessons From David's Life**

# HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

## INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE

### PROPHET SAMUEL

- Samuel was a “judge” of Israel. (1 Samuel 7:15-16)
- Judges were leaders chosen by God and used to rescue the Israelites from their enemies. (Book of Judges)
- His “words never fell to the ground”. (1 Samuel 3:19-20)
- He anointed Saul as the first King of Israel. (1 Samuel 10:1)



# KING SAUL

- The Benjamite tribe and Israel's first king (1 Samuel 9:21, 10:1)
- Anointed as King of Israel because the people wanted a king like the nations around them (1 Samuel 8:4-7)
- God rejected Saul as king because of his continual disobedience.

## 1 SAMUEL 15:16 (NKJV)

<sup>26</sup> But Samuel said to Saul, “I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel.”



# HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

## INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE

### DAVID (“beloved”)

- Youngest son of Jesse from the tribe of Judah; Great grandson of Ruth and Boaz
- Shepherd, musician, warrior, king, and writer of most of the Psalms
- Anointed by the Prophet Samuel to be Israel’s second king (1 Samuel 16:13)



- **David becomes king of Judah. (2 Samuel 2:4)**
- **David becomes Israel's king at 30 years old. (2 Samuel 5:3-4)**
- **He unites the nation and rules over Israel and Judah for 33 years. (2 Samuel 5:5)**



# DAVID AS A SHEPHERD

## 1 SAMUEL 16:10 – 13 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.” <sup>11</sup> And 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.”

And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here.” <sup>12</sup> So he 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!” <sup>13</sup> 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. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

# KEY POINTS

- **David was chosen by God but overlooked by his own father. (1 Samuel 16:11)**
- **Samuel anointed David as the second King of Israel while Saul, the first King of Israel, was still on the throne.**
- **The Bible tells us about the heart of David before he is anointed king. He was a man after God's own heart.**

## 1 SAMUEL 13:14 (NKJV)

**But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him *to be* commander over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.”**



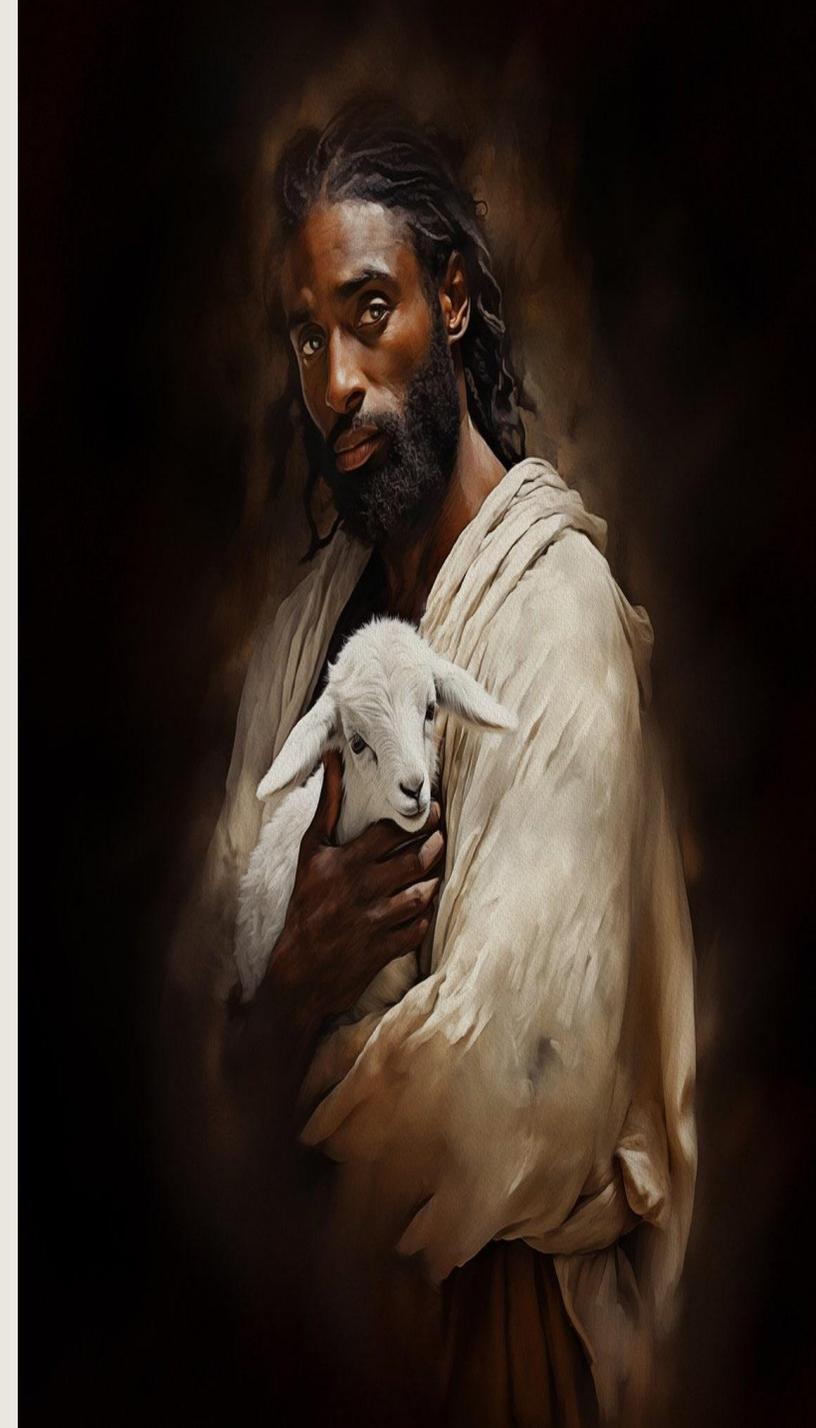
**David's heart qualified  
him for the position  
of King!**



# DAVID AS A SHEPHERD

## 1 SAMUEL 17:34 – 35 (NKJV)

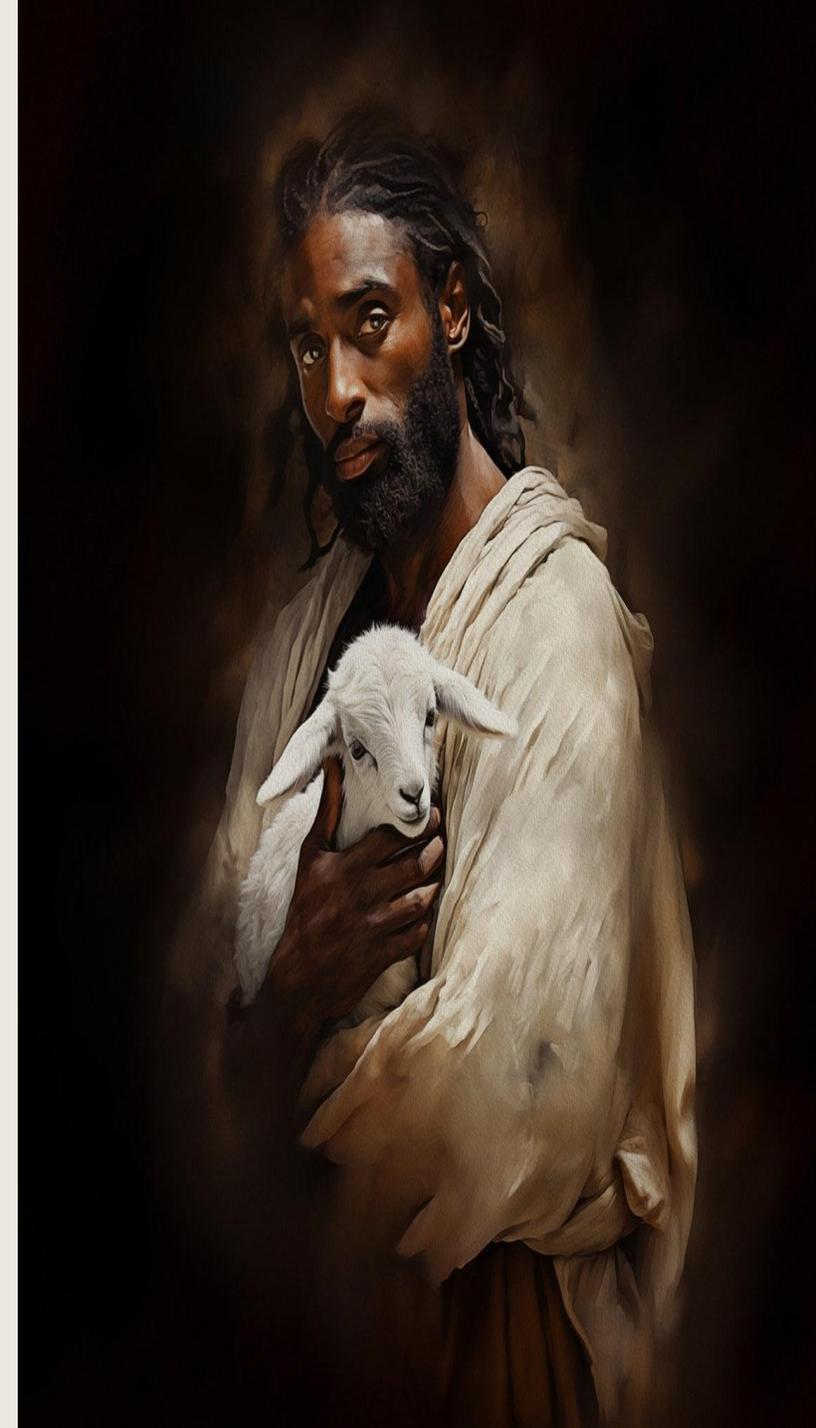
<sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep his father’s sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went out after it and struck it, and delivered *the lamb* from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught *it* by its beard and struck and killed it.



# DAVID AS A SHEPHERD

## KEY POINTS

- **Taught him the responsibility of caring for his flock**
- **Continued to watch the sheep after he was anointed to be a king**
- **Developed his leadership skills and prepared him to be used by God on greater levels**
- **Defended his sheep by killing a lion and a bear before killing a giant or fighting armies**
- **His faith in God, leadership abilities, and skills as a warrior were developed in this humble assignment.**





# DAVID AS A MUSICIAN

## 1 SAMUEL 16:14 – 16 (NKJV)

**<sup>14</sup> But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him. <sup>15</sup> And Saul’s servants said to him, “Surely, a distressing spirit from God is troubling you. <sup>16</sup> Let our master now command your servants, *who are* before you, to 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.”**



## DAVID AS A MUSICIAN 1 SAMUEL 16:23 (NKJV)

**<sup>23</sup> And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play *it* with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.**

# KEY POINTS

- David was a skillful harp player!

## 1 SAMUEL 16:18 (NKJV)

**18** Then one of the servants answered and said, “Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, *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.”

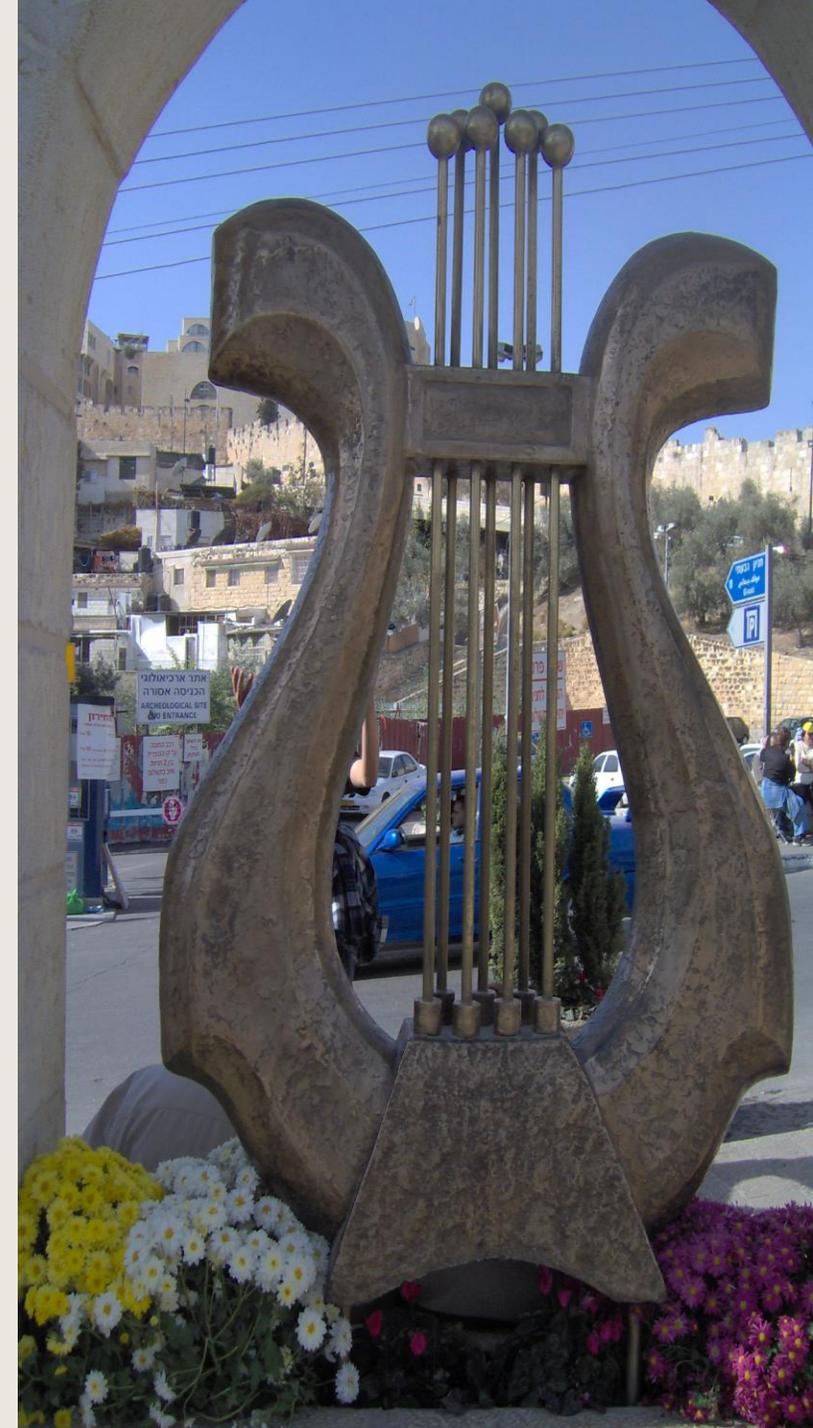
- He loved to write Psalms. He wrote Psalm 23, “The Lord is my Shepherd”.



# DAVID AS A MUSICIAN

## KEY POINTS

- His next assignment after being a shepherd was to be King Saul's musician.
- Before God promoted David to the position of king, he had to learn how to serve a king.



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# DAVID DEFEATS GOLIATH

## 1 SAMUEL 17:4 – 11 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup> *He had* a bronze helmet on his head, and he *was* armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat *was* five thousand shekels of bronze. <sup>6</sup> And *he had* bronze armor on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders. <sup>7</sup> Now the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead *weighed* six hundred shekels; and a shield-bearer went before him.



# DAVID DEFEATS GOLIATH

## 1 SAMUEL 17:4 – 11 (NKJV)

**<sup>8</sup> Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, “Why have you come out to line up for battle? *Am* I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. <sup>9</sup> If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us.” <sup>10</sup> And the Philistine said, “I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.” <sup>11</sup> When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.**



## 1 SAMUEL 17:50 – 51 (NKJV)

**50** So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But *there was* no sword in the hand of David. **51** Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.



## **KEY POINTS**

**The anointing on David's life empowered him to defeat a giant while King Saul and the army of Israel stood in fear.**

**The anointing makes the difference!**

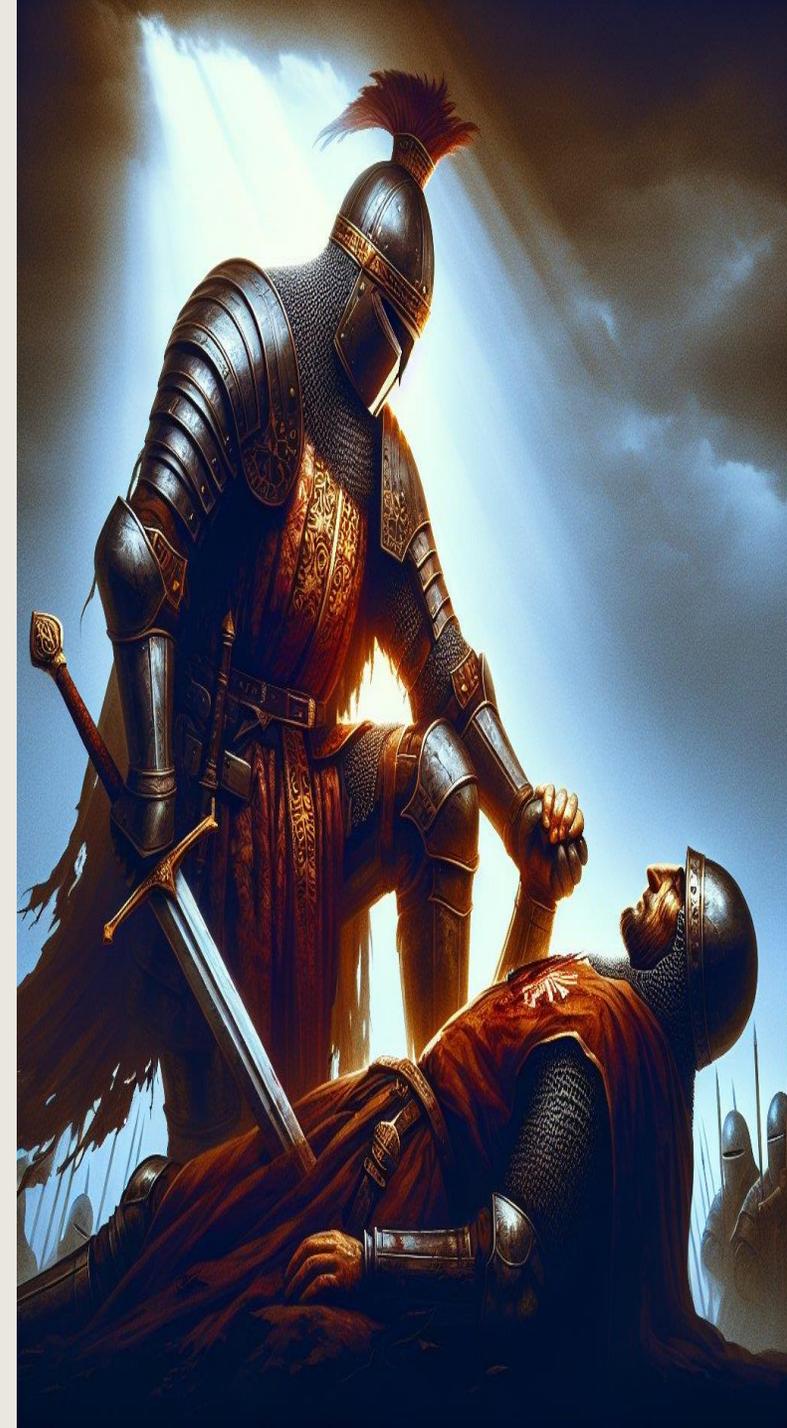
# DAVID IS REJECTED BY KING SAUL

## DAVID AND SAUL'S RELATIONSHIP

After David defeated Goliath, Saul made him live in the palace.

**1 SAMUEL 18:2 (NKJV)**

**<sup>2</sup> Saul took him that day, and would not let him go home to his father's house anymore.**



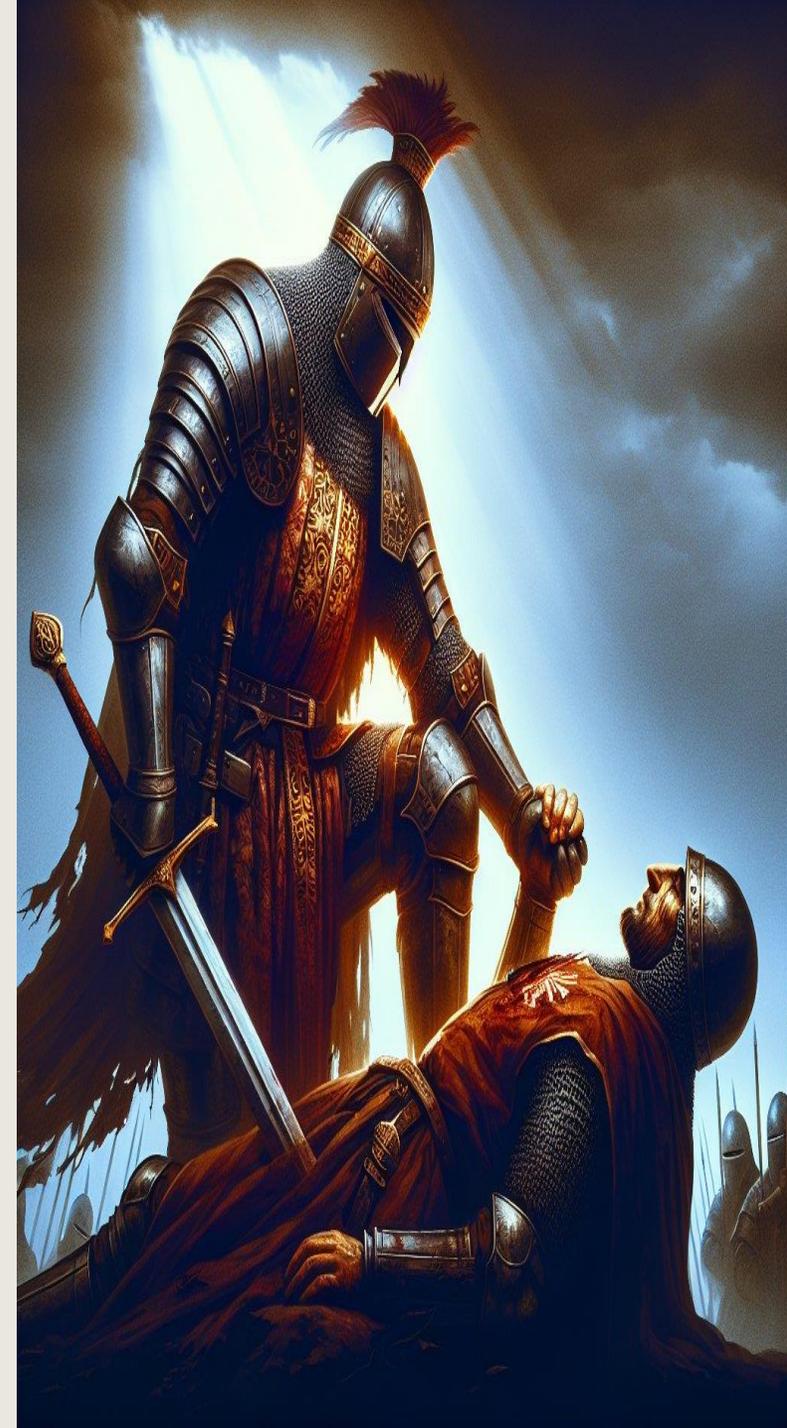
# DAVID AND SAUL'S RELATIONSHIP

Saul is jealous and feels threatened by David.

## 1 SAMUEL 18:6 – 9 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup>Now it had happened as they were coming *home*, when David was returning from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women had come out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with musical instruments. <sup>7</sup>So the women sang as they danced, and said:

“Saul has slain his thousands,  
And David his ten thousands.”



**<sup>8</sup>Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *only* thousands. Now *what* more can he have but the kingdom?” <sup>9</sup> So Saul eyed David from that day forward.**



# 1 SAMUEL 18:10 – 11 (NKJV)

Saul tried to kill David multiple times.

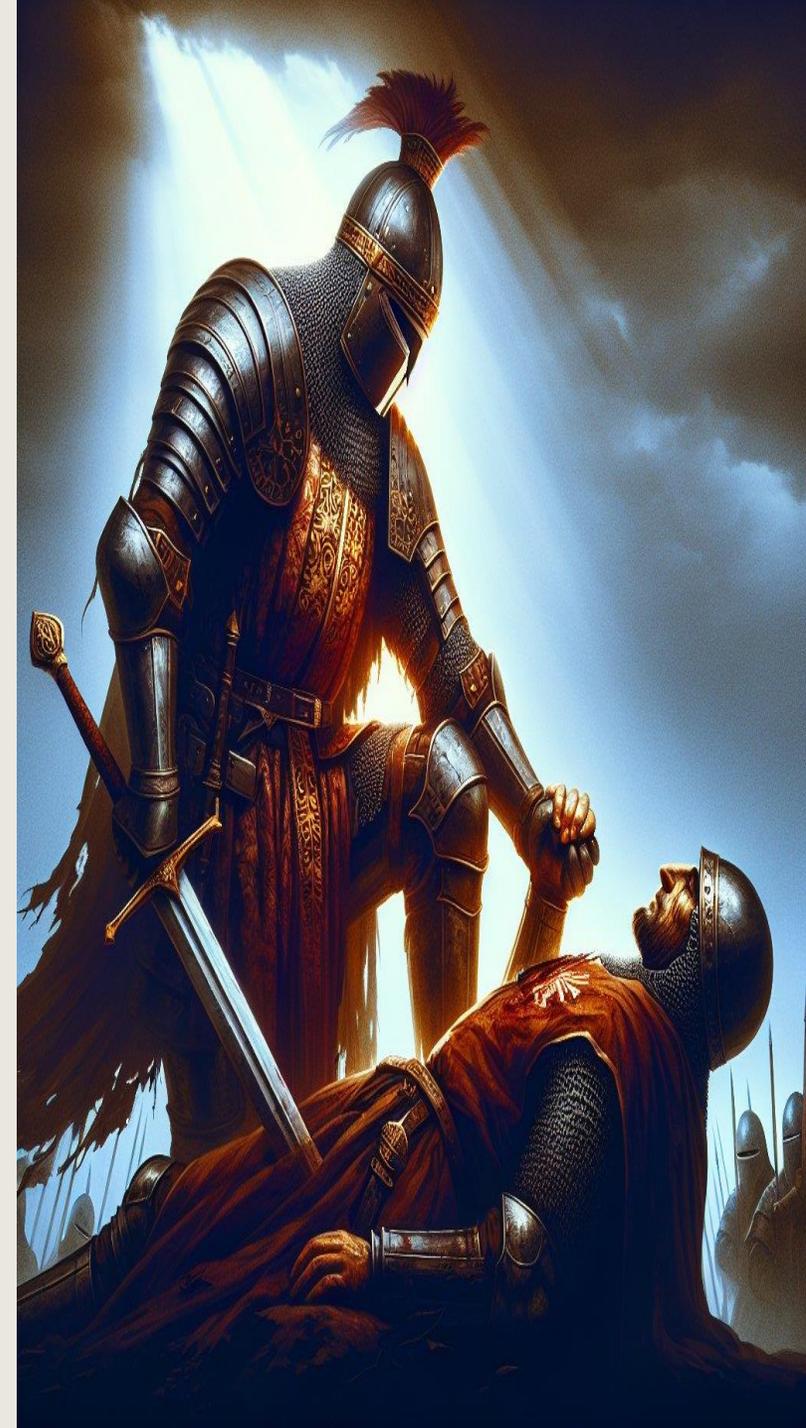
<sup>10</sup> And it happened on the next day that the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the house. So David played *music* with his hand, as at other times; but *there was* a spear in Saul's hand. <sup>11</sup> And Saul cast the spear, for he said, "I will pin David to the wall!" But David escaped his presence twice.



# 1 SAMUEL 18:12 – 16 (NKJV)

**Saul was afraid of David.**

<sup>12</sup>Now Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, but had departed from Saul. <sup>13</sup>Therefore Saul removed him from his presence, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. <sup>14</sup>And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the LORD *was* with him. <sup>15</sup>Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him. <sup>16</sup>But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them



# DAVID FLEES FROM SAUL

- **David runs from Saul for about 13 years as Saul continually tries to kill him.**
- **Jonathan, King Saul's son, helps David escape.**
- **After living in different cities David hides in the cave of Adullam and 400 men came to be led by him.**



# 1 SAMUEL 22:1 – 4 (NKJV)

**David therefore departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. So when his brothers and all his father's house heard *it*, they went down there to him. <sup>2</sup> And everyone *who was* in distress, everyone who *was* in debt, and everyone *who was* discontented gathered to him. So he became captain over them. And there were about four hundred men with him.**



# THE DEATH OF KING SAUL & HIS SONS

## 1 SAMUEL 31:2 – 4 (NKJV)

<sup>2</sup> Then the Philistines followed hard after Saul and his sons. And the Philistines killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malchishua, Saul's sons. <sup>3</sup> The battle became fierce against Saul. The archers hit him, and he was severely wounded by the archers.

<sup>4</sup> Then Saul said to his armorbearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised men come and thrust me through and abuse me."

But his armorbearer would not, for he was greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword and fell on it.



## **KEY POINT**

**David had several opportunities to kill Saul, but he allowed God to deal with the king instead.**

**(1 Samuel 24:6 – 7)**



# DAVID'S RISE TO KINGSHIP & UNITING OF ISRAEL

## 2 SAMUEL 2:4 (NKJV)

<sup>4</sup> Then the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, “The men of Jabesh Gilead *were the ones* who buried Saul.”



## 2 SAMUEL 5:1 – 5 (NKJV)

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and spoke, saying, Indeed we *are* your bone and your flesh. <sup>2</sup> Also, in time past, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the LORD said to you, ‘You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over Israel.’ ”



# DAVID'S RISE TO KINGSHIP & UNITING OF ISRAEL

## 2 SAMUEL 5:1 – 5 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel. <sup>4</sup> David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign, *and* he reigned forty years. <sup>5</sup> In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

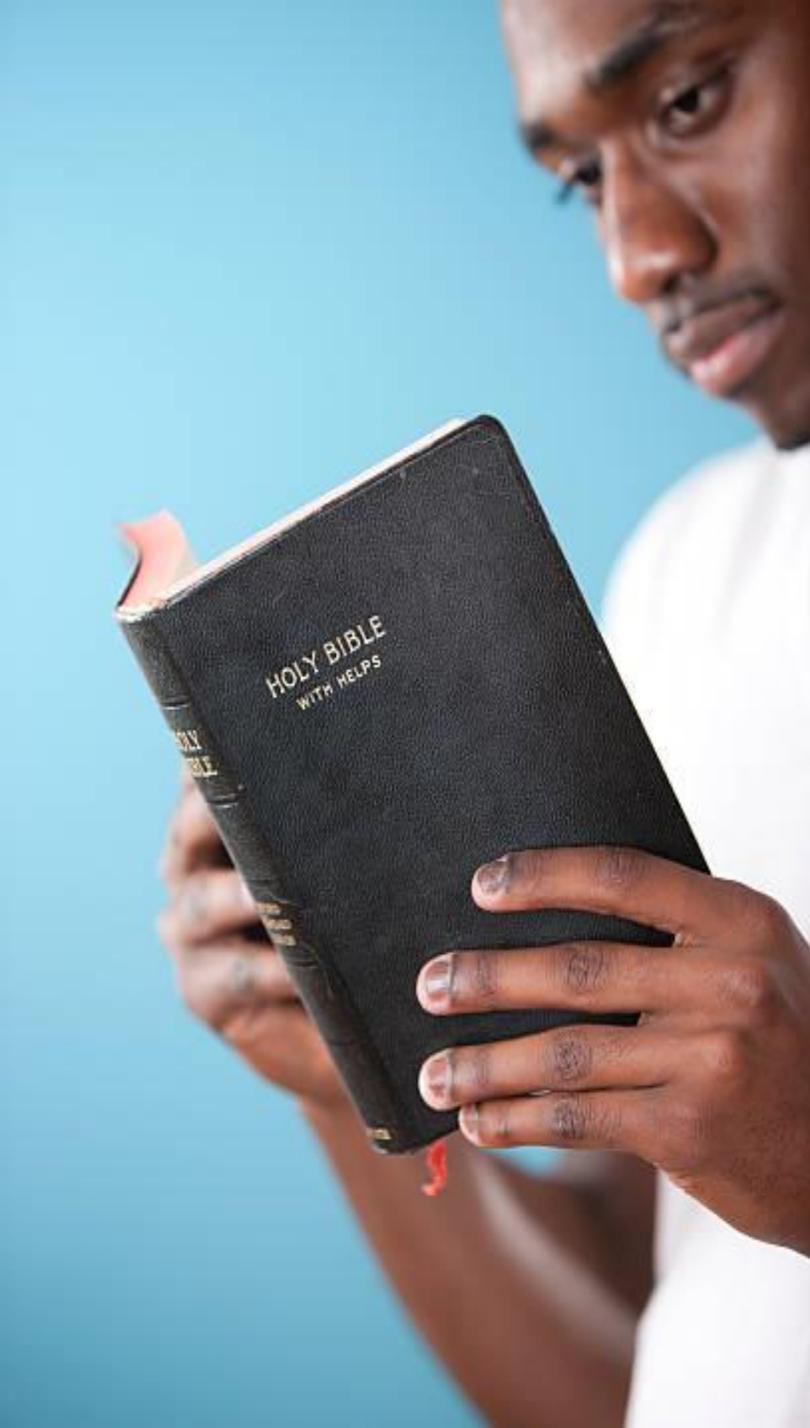


# DAVID'S SUCCESSES AS KING

- **United the tribes of Israel under one king**
- **After becoming the King of Israel, David and his army captured Jerusalem, proclaiming it as the City of David, his capital city. (2 Samuel 5:6-9)**
- **King David brought the ark of God to Jerusalem. (2 Samuel 6:12-15)**
- **Receives a covenant from God to establish his kingdom forever (2 Samuel 7:16)**
- **Honored the house of Saul and kept the promise made to Jonathan by caring for his lame son Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9)**

# DAVID'S CHALLENGES AS KING

- **Committed adultery with Bathsheba and murdered her husband Uriah (2 Samuel 11, 12, Psalms 51)**
- **Family troubles of murder, sexual sin, and rebellion**
- **Absalom, David's son, "stole the hearts" of the men of Israel (II Samuel 15:6). David had to retreat from the palace to save his life and escape Absalom's rebellion. (2 Samuel 15:14 )**
- **David took a census of the fighting men in Israel and Judah, instead of trusting in the strength of the Lord to fight his battle. This angered God and resulted in a plague. (1 Chronicles 21)**



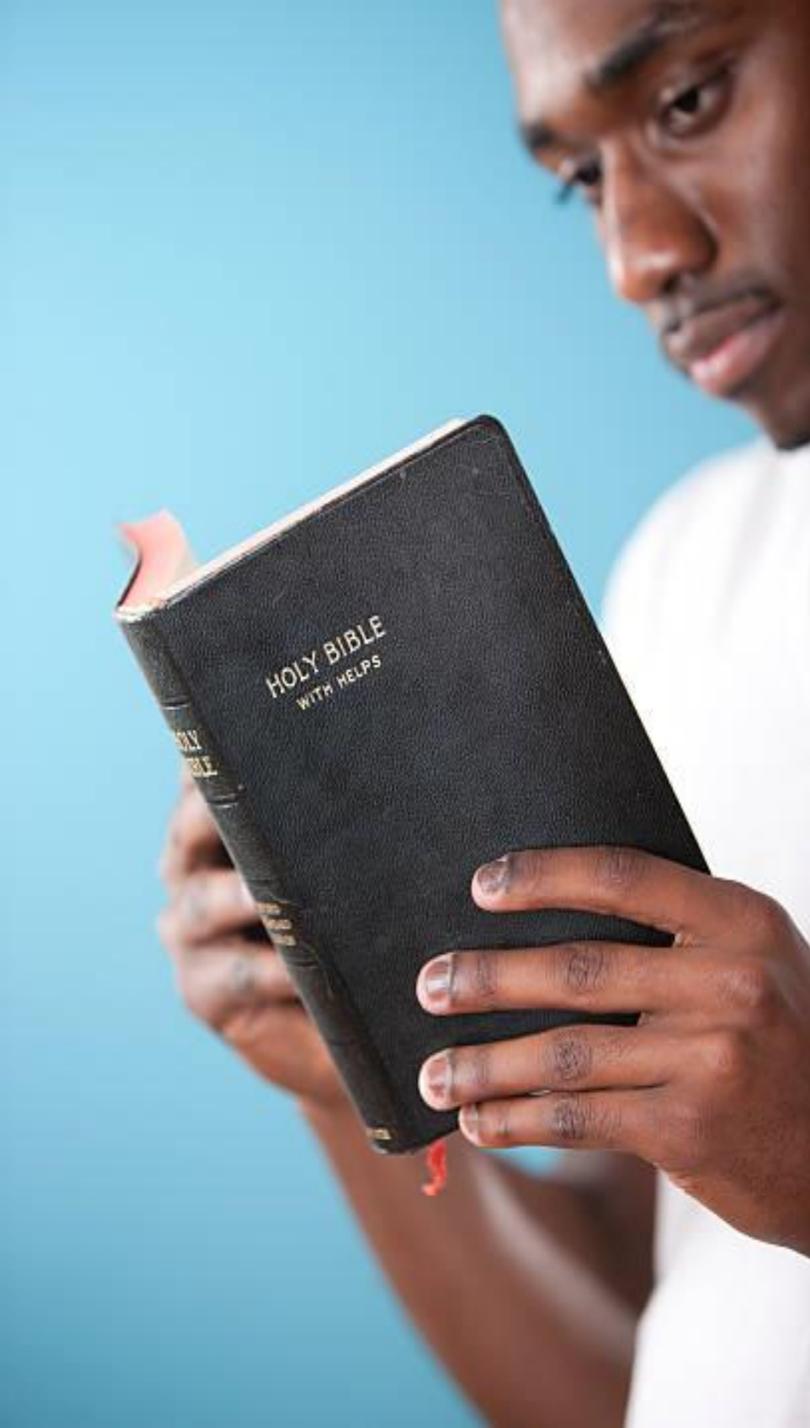
# LESSONS FROM DAVID'S LIFE

**We are victorious by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**David trusted neither Saul's armor nor weapons. Likewise, we should not rely on money, people, strategies, or our abilities. The power of the Holy Spirit is our true source of victory.**

**God keeps His word!**

**It may not have looked like David would ever be king, but God kept him through rejection and preserved his life while he was running from Saul.**



# LESSONS FROM DAVID'S LIFE

## **Worship God in all circumstances.**

**It is important to worship God regardless of one's circumstances or position in life. David exemplified this principle by offering worship as a shepherd, during times of rejection, and while serving as king.**

## **Repentance is important.**

**Repentance renews you spiritually and prepares you for God's purposes.**

# CONCLUSION

- **David's life points toward Christ as the ultimate fulfillment of God's promises.**
- **Jesus' genealogy traces back to King David, fulfilling biblical prophecies about the Messiah's lineage.**
- **Jesus is called the "Son of David" because it signifies his role as the promised Messiah, the one prophesied to be a descendant of King David who would rule on an everlasting throne (Matthew 9:27, Luke 18:38)**



**Jesus is King,  
and He's still on the  
throne!**

