

## KING DAVID

### INTRODUCTION

Q: Can we say a sentence or more of what we know about David?

† A: The man after God's heart

What I know is, God loves this man too much, kilode?!

Well, let's just look at who really this man was.

His family.

Where he's from.

Who he was known to be.

Ready?

King David is one of the most well-known figures in Jewish history.

His life was filled with much happiness and much pain. He is known by many titles: David the conqueror, David the courageous man, David the sweet singer, David the shepherd atibebeelo.

King David was a descendant of Judah as well as Ruth, and was promised by God that his children would rule Israel forever.

Apparently, we'd realize that since David and Ruth were from the same tribe, they had the same story line- Grass to Grace.

David was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, in the year 2854 (907 BCE), during the era of the prophets. He was the youngest of seven sons, and only 10 generations removed from Judah, one of Jacob's 12 sons.

So, you must be thinking, how did the youngest just fly up there?

Got all the titles.

Got the honour.

God the strength.

God the victories.

So, where are you that God cannot lift you up from?

A red-cheeked, bright-eyed and handsome young man , he used to tend to the sheep of his father, Jesse.

Now, the people had recently anointed Saul as the first king of Israel, but Saul soon sinned and fell from Divine grace.

It was then that the prophet Samuel (as directed by God) anointed David as king of Israel. And so his ascension to the throne began.

Let's not even jump

While King David had numerous wives,17 only eight are named in the book of Samuel: Michal, Ahinoam, Abigail, Maacah, Haggit, Avital, Eglah and Bathsheba.

David had a number of sons, \*three of whom\*—Absalom, Adoniah, and Solomon—became prominent in the history of Israel.

Just so you know, your parents riches, achievements and salvation might not speak for you. You have to single yourself out.

David surely had so many children but only three decided to stand out to become prominent.

Who remembers the David and Goliath story?

I remember I read that story too much while I was younger. It just amazed me too much.

So yeah, lezz go there.

: In the valley of Elah, the two armies were ready for battle, with nothing but a hill separating them. The Philistines really outnumbered Saul's army.

A Philistine giant, Goliath, appeared on the hill, and his words came roaring down like thunder.

\*Why should you come out to engage in battle? I am the Philistine [champion], and you are Saul's servants. Choose one of your men and let him come down against me. If he overcomes me in combat and kills me, we will become your slaves; but if I best him and kill him, you shall be our slaves and serve us.\*

This story is quite popular.

David had a best friend too- Jonathan.

You see, no one is beyond having a confidant.

After the death of Saul, David saw that the time had come for him to emerge from exile and take over the leadership of his people. He left Ziklag and proceeded to the ancient city of Hebron, in Judah. There the people of Judah gathered and anointed him king. In the prime of his life (he was 30 years old), David was wise in council, prompt in action, God-fearing and earnest, and the people recognized him as the most suitable candidate for the throne in those troubled times.

Actually, in this time, 30 might be looking too late but please, never let anyone rush you.

You're 21 and you don't have admission yet, listen to what God is saying and not what the world is saying.

And maybe after all your 14 days fast and prayer, you can't even raise the dead.

Wait.

If you raise the dead would you glorify God or glorify your ability to perform miracles?

Wait for that time where you're dealt with enough.

I just felt I should insert that.

King David maintained a standing army consisting of 12 divisions, each one representing one tribe of Israel. Each division numbered 24,000 men. Thus, King David's army totalled 288,000 men. David knew that before there could be real peace for his people, he would have to subdue the neighbouring enemies. He fought and subdued the Philistines, invaded Moab, slew most of their soldiers, and imposed a heavy tribute upon the people.

David and Bathsheba then gave birth to a son they called Solomon, "the peaceful," but whom Nathan the prophet, blessing him in the name of God, called Jedidiah, "the beloved of God." Solomon was destined to rule over Israel.

When David's time on earth came to an end, the Angel of Death distracted the king from his learning by shaking the trees in his garden. The king climbed the stairs to see what the commotion was, but one of the steps broke underneath his feet. Startled, the king paused from his studies, and it was that moment that the king passed away.

Now, you know what I mean when I say God loved this guy this much.

King David was not just another figure in history. He lives on to this day. One of King David's greatest works, and arguably his greatest legacy, was the book of Psalms. During his spare time, King David would study the Torah and sing songs of praise to G-d. The book of Psalms has been a refuge for the Jewish people in their times of trouble throughout history. Whenever Jews are in distress, they open up the book of Psalms and cry out to God.

King David was not only involved in the building of the first Holy Temple, but will be involved in the building of the third, as the Messiah will be a direct descendant of King David, and he will take us out of this exile, build the final resting place for God and lead us to a world filled with peace and tranquility.

Now, welcome to the end of 'The Life of David'

Through the rest of the week, my week mates would be taking you on his achievements, mistakes, etc.

Thank you for joining in here!

## **MISTAKES OF DAVID**

Today we'd be discussing

\*The mistakes of David\*

I'd be discussing two mistakes tho

1. The counting of the number of Israel's fighting men

2. David's affair with barrsheba

2 Samuel 24

David took a census where he recruited and numbered the total fighting men of Israel. David order was

displeasing to the Lord, and David was even warned not to do this by his trusted general, Joab.

What is so wrong in taking a census?

The Lord sent a plague and 70,000 people died from this plague. David just counted his fighting men and now a good number of them have died. David, with the elders, put on sackcloth and fell prostrate before the Lord, and asked that the plague would rather be on him and his family rather than the innocent people. God heard David's prayer and prophet Gad asked David to build an altar to the Lord.

While reading this I never saw any big deal in what David did but then I read Psalm 30.

Psalm 30:6 NIV

When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."

David felt secure in his prosperity. He thought he can never come down. His security was based on money, riches, soldiers, and power rather than on God's provision. He forgot it was God who gave him the security.

God's blessings upon us are countless. But with prosperity comes the temptation to feel secure on the same. In David's case it was the strength of his fighting men.

\*God is displeased the moment we start trusting ourselves.\*

And besides,

King David was \*warned\* by Joab.

Do you listen to advise?

Do you obey instructions?

Are you someone that doesn't care about people's opinion?

\_God uses different means to warn us.\_

For David it was through his trusted general, Joab.

To the next one

\*David's affair with Bathsheba\*

2 Samuel 11:2-4

One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her.

It first started with him \*seeing\*. Then he \*slept\* with her.

Evil begets evil, one sin leads to another, and Bathsheba became pregnant with David's child. The king, in a panic to cover up his sin, eventually had Bathsheba's husband killed in battle.

He messed up royally

Even though he was forgiven, he already made the mistake.

As children of God, we should be able to seek God before taking some steps.

We should not allow the love of the world take away God's place in our life.

Be obedient to God.

In conclusion,

Whatever we want to do, always have this thought

\_What will Jesus Do\_.

## IMPACTS OF DAVID

So, this evening i will be highlighting the \*IMPACTS OF DAVID\*

There were so many impacts evident in the life of David "The man after God's heart

**\*Faithfulness and Service\*** David was faithful in small things, and later he was given larger duties to perform. He was a lad who longed to know God in deeper dimensions.

He wrote that he couldn't sleep until God found a place in his heart. When he was in the pastures of Bethlehem Ephrathah, he was concerned for God's Glory (psalms 132:4-6). Even after Samuel has anointed him, David served king Saul in his royal court, he played the harp for Saul during the king's periods of depression. When he wasn't at the court, he continued to help his father with shepherding the sheep.

### 2. **\*Character\***

After David started making waves, King Saul could not bear to see David praised for his achievements. He became bitterly jealous of David after the experience with Goliath. Twice Saul lifted his spear and cast it at David. But on both occasions, David managed to slip away unharmed. Finally David felt it was unsafe for him to remain in Saul's court. He fled to Adullam, wandering about in the deserts of Judea for several years. But Saul hunted him down and repeatedly tried to kill him. Although David had 2 opportunities to kill Saul but David returned love for Saul's hatred. David had suffered injustice and ill treatment at the hands of King Saul. But David said **"The Lord forbid that I should harm my master, the Lord's anointed"**. (1 Samuel:24).

**\*Injustice\*** is one of the most difficult things for any of us to bear. One type of reaction towards those who treat us unjustly is to retaliate. However retaliation is unwise, an unchristlike. David demonstrated great patience and love towards King Saul even though Saul was consistently trying to take David's life. David went the second mile. He turned the other cheek. This is the attitude taught by Jesus in the New Testament. (1 Sam. 20-31)

### 3. **\*Leadership\***

David displayed great Leadership skill. He demonstrated great wisdom and justice in dealing with people. He stood out as one of the greatest political and spiritual leaders in Old Testament history.

He learned the leadership skill of reaching out to others. He welcomed those who were outside of his realm of influence into his group. This is seen with his response to the deaths of Abner and Ishbosheth. He took steps to build trust among those who had opposed him. He made overtures to them to bring peace to the nation. This had the beneficial effect for David of expanding his kingdom to include Israel

It was not a rapid result but a patient progression which took seven and a half years. David grew as a leader to be patient.

In conclusion;

**\*David was not without faults\***

Even though David was a powerful king over Israel for 40 years and his heart was definitely inclined Godward, he was not without faults. For example, David sinned in placing confidence in human strength (2 Sam. 24:9-10), and he manifested weakness as a father, whose sons brought him shame (2 Sam. 13:21; 14:28). Yet God used him! David's life is a prime example in the scriptures of how God works through weak and frail and sinful persons, like you and me, to accomplish His purpose.

\*David was not without Limitations\*

David needed a power outside himself and he wasn't too proud to admit it. He said one time, "my soul thirsteth for God, for the living God" (Psalm 42:2). David was a man after God's own heart. He had faults and troubles and limitations. But one of the beautiful things about his life is that he wasn't too proud to hold out his hand for help.

Quick question:

Just like David, can you admit before God that you are weak, can you be humble enough to ask for his help? Because no matter what you have done, he is still and willing to help you.

## **Moral lessons**

We have learnt about

1. Life of David
2. Achieve
3. Mistake
4. Impact

Today we are learning about the impact of King David

As we know that King David the son of Jesse

His story started in the book of 1 Samuel 16

although he was anointed to be king then... he didn't flaunt himself to be one.

He still respected the king and obeyed his instructions.

David is gifted and hardworking too

1 Samuel 16:18-23

he was gifted to the extent that whenever an evil spirit troubled Saul he plays the harp and the king would get better.



He is dutiful.. that's why his father sent him to give food to his elder brothers

1 Samuel 17:17

He knows the lord

Being faced with the huge Philistine the whole Israel trembled But because he knows the lord he volunteered to face him

1 Sam 17:31

When he faced the Philistine "he told him boldly about the God he serves.

That is courage and faith in God. 1 Samuel 17:45-47

He used a term to describe the Philistine, he said uncircumcised

As Christians we should have faith in God and see some situations as uncircumcised too.

He saw him as uncircumcised and he was angry and overcame him.

That failure, setback, poverty, bareness, joblessness, marital problems are uncircumcised Philistines too. Speak to them and overcome them like David

Covering up sin, compounds the situation

After David committed adultery with the wife of Uriah, we see him go into immediate cover-up mode. He tries to orchestrate events so that Uriah takes responsibility for the pregnancy and when that doesn't work he gives orders to have him killed on the front lines. The more he tried to hide the problem the more it grew.

Learn to encourage yourself

When David returned from battle only to find the Amalekites kidnapped the wives and children of his soldiers, his life was in danger. The very men who he fought with discussed stoning him because they were sad about the loss of their families, however the Bible says, "David encouraged himself in the Lord his God." In life we will have those times when it seems everyone has turned against us, in those moments we must turn to God for our strength.

Don't hide, fess up

When the prophet Nathan confronts David about his hidden sin, he does so through telling him a parable. The story of the "ewe lamb" was a way to reveal David to himself. God allowed him many opportunities to come clean, but instead he hid the truth even from himself and as a result declared his own punishment. Keeping a short account with The Lord and admitting sin early is the best way to handle transgressions.

Fight for your faith

David's relationship with The Father fueled his bravery in battle. As a young boy, while all of the experienced soldiers of Israel were afraid of Goliath, his knowledge and intimacy with God was stronger than the

perceived reality of the situation. The strength of his faith outweighed the danger he faced in the natural.

Accepting when God says "No."

David longed to build the temple for The Lord but God said no and gave this task to his son Solomon instead. Sometimes we have to yield our greatest desires to the will of Almighty God and be prepared to hear Him deny our request from time to time when they are not aligned with His purpose and plan.

Go head-up with your giants

Fierce and fearlessly David runs immediately toward his giant without hesitation. He even refused the armor that Saul tried to get him to wear to protect him in battle. In the same way, we should run toward our giants, remembering God's track record throughout our lives when he helped us in secret with the "lions and bears" in life.

Despite the fact that Saul sought his life and wanted to kill him

He never wished Saul dead

1 Samuel 24:18

even when Saul died he mourned him

He never for once disrespect him because the lord has chosen him.

2 Samuel 1:12-16

David has a heart of Thanksgiving and always appreciate God.

So the lord gave him victory roundabout

He made a mistake with Bathsheba and Uriah But he admitted his mistake and turned to God.

In his walk with God he understands that anyone with God is blessed and that explains what he wrote in Psalms 1

Lastly

Let Value a life that pleases God over a life that pleases people.

This is one of the main reasons God refers to David as a man after His own heart. David was human and made plenty of mistakes. What made him different from others is that his desire and motivation was always to please and be in relationship with God. When Saul sinned he was concerned more about disappointing "the people" than obeying God. David was the complete opposite as he says, "Against you, you only I have sinned." People pleasing is a trap, but a life that pleases God will always be blessed.