



# DAVID

*A Man After God's  
Own Heart*

## PART ONE

In I Samuel 13:13-14 Samuel tells King Saul that God is taking the kingdom away from him and giving it to a man after His own heart. In later chapters we learn that this man is the youngest child of seven brothers and is a shepherd. His name is David, which means "beloved." It may be beneficial to familiarize yourself with the story by reading the beginning of I Samuel or you can just jump right in where David enters the story. This story, like all others in Scripture, is one told by God in the midst of human lives and has been preserved and told to us on ink and paper. It is God's story and He sees and understands it. So each day before you read take a moment to pray and ask Him to teach you and give you understanding about His story in the life of David and to make you a man after His heart.

*Some of the readings have a Psalm attached to them. Keep in mind that these are Psalms that David wrote in response to the specific situation that takes place in the reading. David wrote about 70 Psalms. Most Bibles will have a note about who wrote each Psalm at its beginning. You may want to read some of David's other Psalms to gain insight into his heart for God.*

**Day 1 :** I Samuel 16-17

**Day 2 :** I Samuel 18

**Day 3 :** I Samuel 19, Psalm 59

**Day 4 :** I Samuel 20

**Day 5 :** I Samuel 21-22, Psalm 52

**Day 6 :** I Samuel 23, Psalm 54

**Day 7 :** I Sameul 24, Psalm 57

**Day 8 :** I Samuel 25

**Day 9 :** I Samuel 26

**Day 10 :** I Samuel 27-28

**Day 11 :** I Samuel 29-30

**Day 12 :** I Samuel 31, Psalm 18

**Day 13 :** II Samuel 1-2

**Day 14 :** II Samuel 3-4

**Day 15 :** II Samuel 5-6

**Day 16 :** II Samuel 7

**Day 17 :** II Samuel 8-9

**Day 18 :** II Samuel 10

**Day 19 :** II Samuel 11

**Day 20 :** II Samuel 12:1-25, Psalm 51

## Study Guide:

**Day 1** In 16:7 what does it say about how God sees people?

Verse 16:18 says 6 things about David, watch in the coming days as one of these is repeated and the others are no longer mentioned. Note the contrast in how David's brother sees his heart and how God sees it earlier (verse 17:28) Why does David say he will strike Goliath down? (verses 17:45-47)

**Day 2** Note the contrast in Saul's attitude and his heir Jonathan's attitude toward David (verses 1, 8-9) Why was Saul afraid of David? (verse 12) Why did David prosper? (verse 14) Jonathan gave David his weapons and armor. Who has given you equipment to fight life's battles and who can you lend your weapons to?

**Day 3** How did David respond to the attempts on his life by the king to whom he had only shown loyalty? How did God protect David at Naioth?

**Day 4** Saul and his heir, Jonathan both knew David had been anointed king by God. Contrast their behavior towards David in light of their knowledge (verses 13-15, 31)

Why do you think Jonathan prefers David's safety and kingship over his own safety and kingship?

**Day 5** What types of people found refuge with David? (verse 22:2) Why didn't Saul's guards obey him? (verse 22:17)

**Day 6** How did David make his decisions about what to do and where to hide?

Why couldn't Saul find him? (verse 14)

**Day 7** Why didn't David kill Saul? What was his attitude toward his adversary? (verse 12)

**Day 8** David did not avenge himself against Nabal. What prevented his vengeance against Nabal? What did Abigail perceive about David? (verses 26-31)

**Day 9** Again Saul's life is in David's hands and he spares him. Why? (verses 9-11)

What does this say about how David believes God accomplishes His will?

**Day 10** What did Saul do when he did not hear from the Lord? Did Samuel tell him new things or things he already knew?

**Day 11** What kind of relationship did David have with Achish even having won many battles against the Philistines earlier in his life? (verse 29:9) How did David respond to the loss of everything he had? (verse 30:6)

**Day 12** The Philistines defeated Saul's army, but to whom did David attribute his deliverance in the Psalm? Why?

**Day 13** How did David respond to the death of Saul?

**Day 14** How does David respond to the death of Abner and Ish-bosheth? Saul, Jonathan, and Ish-bosheth all possessed kingdoms which God had promised to David. Does he show any envy or malice toward them because of that?

**Day 15** Why did David become greater and greater? (verse 5:10) In chapter 5 David turns 30. How does his life and struggles compare with yours until the age of 30?

**Day 16** Did God speak to David after he sought to establish his own house or he sought to establish God's house? What does David learn about the future of his descendants? Why did David say God had done great things for him? (verse 21)

**Day 17** Why was David successful? (verse 8:6) How did he rule? (verse 8:15) How did he keep his vow he made to Jonathan?

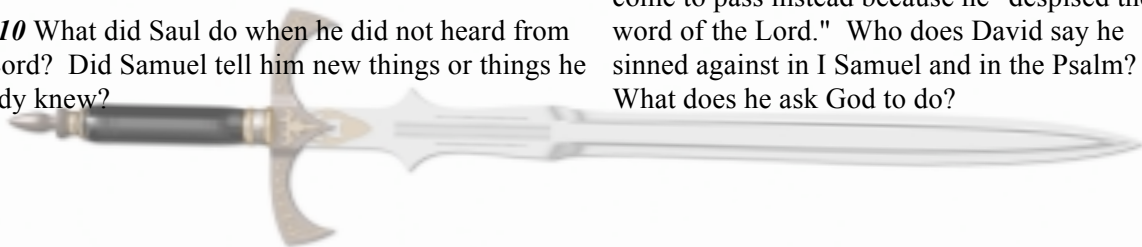
**Day 18** How did Hanun respond to David's kindness he offered because he had received kindness? Before the armies met what was Joab's attitude toward the outcome of the battle? (verse 12)

**Day 19** Where was David and as king where should he have been according to verse 1?

How did he try to hide his sin? When that did not work what did he do? Contrast Uriah's attitude toward the men under his command and David's treatment of his

men (including Uriah) as seen in this chapter.

**Day 20** Re-read verses 7-15 and consider what could have been in David's life and what will come to pass instead because he "despised the word of the Lord." Who does David say he sinned against in I Samuel and in the Psalm? What does he ask God to do?





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## **PART TWO**

Day 21: II Samuel 12:26-13:22  
Day 22: II Samuel 13:23-39  
Day 23: II Samuel 14  
Day 24: II Samuel 15, Psalm 3  
Day 25: II Samuel 16, Psalm 63  
Day 26: II Samuel 17, Psalm 23  
Day 27: II Samuel 18  
Day 28: II Samuel 19:1-39  
Day 29: II Samuel 19:40-20:26  
Day 30: II Samuel 21

Day 31: II Samuel 22  
Day 32: II Samuel 23  
Day 33: II Samuel 24  
Day 34: I Kings 1  
Day 35: I Kings 2:1-12  
Day 36: I Chronicles 22:2-19, I Kings  
5:1-5  
Day 37: Psalm 19  
Day 38: Psalm 27  
Day 39: Psalm 37

The story of David is also told in I Chronicles 10-29.

David wrote many of the Psalms. The following Psalm numbers are attributed to him:  
3-9, 11-32, 34-41, 51-65, 68-70, 86, 101, 103, 108-110, 122, 124, 131, 133, 138-45

## Study Guide:

**Day 21** - Compare David's sin and the sin of his son, Amnon. Reread Nathan's prophecy in 12:9-11 and note how it is already beginning to be fulfilled.

**Day 22** - How long had Absalom intended to kill Amnon? (v. 23) What attitude did David have toward Absalom who murdered one of his brothers? (v. 37-39)

**Day 23** - In chapter 12 and today's chapter David does not recognize his own sin until he sees it through a story that is told to him. Ask God to help you recognize your own sins and to be obedient to Matthew 7:1-5

**Day 24** - What is David's attitude toward his situation? (v. 25-26) What two ways did he seek help against Ahithophel? (v. 31, 34)

**Day 25** - How did David respond to the curse of Shimei? (v. 10-12)

**Day 26** - Why did Absalom not listen to Ahithophel? (v. 14) How were David and his people provided for in the wilderness? (v.27-29)

**Day 27** - Think back on all the reading and contrast the way David became king and the way Absalom sought to become king. How did David respond to news of Absalom's death? (v. 33) How do you think Absalom would have reacted to news of victory and his father's death?

**Day 28** - Why did Joab want David to speak to the people? (v. 5-7) How did David react to Shimei's plea for forgiveness? (v. 21-23)

**Day 29** - Why were the men of Israel upset with the men of Judah? (19:41-43) As Absalom is defeated peace seems near, but Nathan's prophecy in chapter 12 is being fulfilled.

**Day 30** - Why was there famine? (v. 1) What did David do about it? What did God do then? (v. 14)

**Day 31** - Identify 2 or 3 verses that best sum up this chapter where David reflects on God's relationship with him.

**Day 32** - Why wouldn't David drink the water? (v.17) What did he do with it? (v. 16)

**Day 33** - Why did David choose the pestilence? (v. 14) Why did David demand to pay for the oxen and threshing floor? (v. 24)

**Day 34** - What is the state of David's family in this chapter? How did he handle the situation with Adonijah and what are some other ways he might have handled it?

**Day 35** - What did David charge his son Solomon to do and why? (v. 2-4)

**Day 36** - David set aside materials to help Solomon be able to build the temple that God had commanded. Ask God to show you what preparations you can make to help your children do the work God has for them.

**Day 37** - David had advisers (Ahithophel, Nathan, Joab, and others) who kept him from foolish decisions. Ask God to provide you with helpful advisers to keep you from foolish decisions and "presumptuous sins" (v. 13)

**Day 38** - What is the one thing David has asked from the Lord? (v. 4)

**Day 39** - Contrast the lives of the righteous and the wicked? What does this psalm teach about God?

**Day 40** - Ask God to make you a man after His heart who will do His will and to give you strength to serve Him in your own generation.