

SESSION 7 David's Anointing and Saul's Distress (1 Sam. 16:12-23)

I. SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID AS THE NEW KING OF ISRAEL (1 SAM. 16:11-13)

So he (Jesse) 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!" 13 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. Samuel arose and went to Ramah. 14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him. (1 Sam. 16:12-14)

A. David's anointing in relieving Saul's distress gives a dramatic picture of the End-Time Church empowered in prophetic worship and intercession to flow in power before the oppressed and even in victory before the armies of darkness.

B. David is a picture of what God will release by the Spirit on the End-Time David-generation. ***He is a picture of the anointed Church that operates in power through worship that comes from those who walk out lifestyles of radical love and obedience towards Jesus. The foundation of David's ministry was his revelation of the governmental impact of prophetic worship (Ps. 22:3).*** Prophetic worship is God's most powerful weapon in shifting government in the spirit and transforming the earth (Ps. 149:6-9; Rev. 4-5). This is called the beauty of holiness or the Tabernacle of David. The End-Time Church will be armed with love songs that wreak destruction on the kingdom of darkness. See the Ps. 2 conflict of the two End-Time houses of prayer (Jesus' and Islam's).

I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast (Antichrist), over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. 3 They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, (Rev. 15:2-3)

They overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. (Rev. 12:11)

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, And a two-edged sword in their hand, 7 To execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples... 9 To execute on them the written judgment-- This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD! (Ps. 149:6-9)

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" (Rev. 22:17)

C. David is a picture of what God wants to release by the Holy Spirit on the End-Time David-generation. David is the model for obedience and faith. We look for NT counterparts to these qualities in the grace of God. David is a picture of the Church that loves, worships and wars in the Spirit.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you-- The sure mercies of David. 4 Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people. (Isa. 55:3-4)

I will give you shepherds according to My heart...will feed you with...understanding (Jer. 3:15)

You promised...David, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk before Me as you have walked before Me.' (1 Kings 8:25)

- D. *The Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward (v.13) – David was empowered with new qualities that he did not have before to equip him to operate as a king. Seven qualities are outlined in David's life as distinct operations of God's Spirit working in him (1 Sam. 16:18-19, 22). The Spirit made David mighty giving him distinct qualities that he did not possess without the Spirit. The Spirit came upon David from that day forward as an abiding grace of the Spirit.*
- E. This is called the spirit of might and it empowered David to do special tasks in God's will.
The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him...the spirit of counsel and might (Isa. 11:2)
- F. The first anointing that David receives is in Bethlehem. It is the anointing to do tasks by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then in Hebron and again in Jerusalem, he experiences a growing dimension and depth to what God entrusted to him in Bethlehem.
- G. The spirit of might also came upon Saul about 15 years earlier
Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. 7 And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for God is with you....10 then the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. 11 And it happened, when all who knew him formerly saw that he indeed prophesied among the prophets, that the people said to one another, "What is this that has come upon the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?" (1 Sam. 10:6-11)
- H. The spirit of might is given freely and when understood it should keep God's people humble in their accomplishments and in a posture of seeking God for renewal His favor and power instead of being presumptuous with the anointing of the Spirit.
- I. The Spirit of might came upon Bezalel (Ex. 31:2) to empower him with skills and understanding in the area of craftsmanship to lead the enterprise of building the tabernacle of Moses. He built with revelation.
Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel.. 3 I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver, in bronze, 5 in cutting jewels for setting, in carving wood, and to work in all manner of workmanship. (Ex. 31:1-5)
- J. Before David received this specific anointing of the Spirit, he was described in terms of his natural endowments and appearance (1 Sam. 16:12).

1. **Ruddy** – reddish complexion and hair. Most Jewish boys had black hair with a dark complexion.
 2. **Bright eyes and good-looking** – David was handsome in his natural appearance.
- K. **The Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul** (1 Sam. 16:14) – the supernatural dimension of Holy Spirit activity no longer occurred in Saul's life. This represented a prophetic shift in God's purpose that occurred when the Spirit left Saul and rested upon David.
1. Saul was rejected spiritually from his position of king in 1 Sam. 15:28-30, when David was about 15 years old and Saul was then about 55 (Saul was 40 years older than David. He died at age 70 years when David was 30 years old). Saul was first rejected for his sin at Gilgal (1 Sam. 13) and then with the Amalekites (1 Sam. 15).
 2. Saul was rejected as king, yet remained in his position for nearly another 15 years, but without the anointing of the Spirit. This in itself was part of God's judgment.
- L. **Samuel anointed David in the midst of his brothers** – this resulted in potential danger to Samuel, David, and Jesse's entire family because of Saul's jealous rage. This probably also created negative dynamics with David and his 7 older brothers as young Joseph experienced. **Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more. (Gen. 37:5)**
- M. **Leadership Lesson:** receiving God's anointing and promotion leadership creates transitions that can be difficult and dangerous even when they are in God's will. Samuel, David and David's family were put at risk in the unfolding of God's will in Israel.

II. SAUL IS OPPRESSED BY A DEMONIC SPIRIT (1 SAM. 16:14-15)

The Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him. 15 Saul's servants said to him, "Surely, a distressing spirit from God is troubling you. (1 Sam. 16:14-15)

- A. A distressing spirit came on Saul because he had been operating in witchcraft as with a defiant spirit against the Lord. God honors our free will. He gave Saul of the spirit that he chose. **Samuel said,..."For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry." (1 Sam. 15:22-23)**
- B. The principle is that of God honoring man's free will. If people choose to walk in darkness with demons then God allows the demons more freedom in their activity which is always against man. What people want is to live with darkness on the inside yet have God's favor on the outside. This is an option that does not exist. Whatever we choose on the inside eventually is manifested in our external circumstances.

- C. Saul's defiance is much different than David's spiritual immaturity. The seeds of witchcraft were planted in his rebellion while operating as an anointed vessel.
- D. This is a spirit of distress that manifests in Saul as fear or rage with insanity (paranoia). This is a spirit of distress that would manifest as rage operating in a spirit of terror
- E. This is like the spirit that came on Nebuchadnezzar that brought him to repentance in the end.

A voice fell from heaven: "King Nebuchadnezzar...the kingdom has departed from you! 32 And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men.." 33 That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws. 34 At the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever:...36 At the same time my reason returned to me... (Dan. 4:31-36)

- F. For an anointed vessel (i.e., king Saul) to become defiant is to risk more severe consequences. If an anointed prophet becomes rebellious, then they go further off the path. To operate in the realm of the supernatural with the Holy Spirit opens one up to supernatural demonic counterattack.
- G. God's discipline is designed to bring us to repentance. This is God's gift to a believer who refuses to repent of persistent sin. This depressing spirit on Saul was a discipline of the Lord to bring Saul to repentance. The spirit of insanity that came on Nebuchadnezzar actually brought him to his senses in the end.

Satan answered..., Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 Have You (God) not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has...? (Job 1:9-10)

In the name of our Lord...when you are gathered together...5 deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.. (1 Cor. 5:4-5)

Behold, I will hedge up your way with thorns, and wall her in, so that she cannot find her paths. 7 She will chase her lovers, but not overtake them...then she will say, 'I will go and return to my first husband, for then it was better for me than now.' (Hos. 2:6-7)

- H. In 1 Sam. 28, Saul shows that he refused to repent. Rather, he goes deeper into witchcraft in consulting a witch. This was about 13-14 years after the time that David was anointed king in Bethlehem. Saul became tormented and paranoid in an intensive way.

- I. **Principle:** new levels of anointing bring new levels of demonic attack along with new levels of divine discipline. The torment on him probably reflected the same measure of the Spirit that was previously on him.

1. When some are anointed, they become filled with gratitude towards the Lord.
 2. Some become lifted up in pride and then become obstinate when God deals with them. They become accustomed to feeling God's strength on them. They confuse the issues and become defiant when they get disappointed against the Lord. A ***counterfeit confidence*** rises up as they begin to think of it as themselves as deserving the favor of God. They
 3. The early signs of this pride is seen in those who resist servant tasks and attack other believers verbally.
 4. Most never qualify for this level of oppression. Do not assume the Lord has sent an evil spirit to you when you struggle. Remember Saul was set apart as the anointed king of Israel and he defied God and Samuel the prophet of God.
- J. There will be a global release of this principle God honoring man's free will in allowing the distressing spirit that will be brought to great heights in Rev. 9. This judgment is caused by God who opens Pit to let these demons out so they might be God's source of judgment on earth. In this passage, God allows demonic activity to operate against wicked men as He did against Saul. In Rev. 9, first demonic locusts will be released out of the bottomless pit, then later, 200 million demonic horsemen with power in their mouths and tails will follow. The Lord uses demons to torment people who choose darkness.

III. END-TIME DEMONS ATTACK AGAINST THEIR LOYAL WORSHIPERS

- A. The trumpets of judgment in the Book of Revelation have a **3-FOLD PURPOSE**: ***punitive justice*** on God's enemies, ***redemptive warning*** to unbelievers and ***vindication (victory) and rallying saints***. The 10 plagues were mostly punitive.
- B. ***In the trumpet warnings***, Jesus is graciously calling unbelievers to repent. This warning is given in the understanding that more is yet to come. This is seen in the judgments being limited to 1/3 of the people and creation being affected. The 1/3 limitation is highlighted 12 times (Rev. 8:7–12). The remaining 2/3 of nature and people that survive will face the full outpouring of the seven bowl judgments which are in essence a doubling of the trumpets in severity and scope. The partial 1/3 nature of the trumpets signifies they are not the last judgments.
- C. The fifth and sixth trumpets release two demonic armies on the earth (filled with Satan worship). ***They worshiped the dragon (Satan)...and the Beast (Antichrist), saying, "Who is like the Beast? 8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life. 12 The (False Prophet) causes the earth...to worship the Beast (Antichrist). (Rev. 13:4, 8, 12)***

The rest of mankind...did not repent...that they should not worship demons. (Rev. 9:20)

- D. The demons all along hated and despised the humans (fallen image bearers) who worshipped them. Why? Because they only have one capacity – to hate, torment and murder! ***The great delusion is that the nations assumed*** that in return for worshipping Satan, the Antichrist and demons, that they would receive favor. Satan never rewards his worshipper. Many will take the mark of the Beast that condemns them to hell. Demons will torment their worshippers in hell forever. ***The logic of the average demon worshipper is to expect to receive favor*** for all the worship, money, and loyal service in killing Christians, etc. To their total surprise, they discover that demons have no loyalty whatsoever to their followers. They hate their loyal worshippers as much as they hate Christians.
- E. ***The nature of Satan's hatred is not manifest openly*** until the fifth and sixth trumpet which unveils it. Satan is a murderer from the beginning and is the father of lies (Jn. 8:44). He never changes. Any agreement with the devil will be broken – he is liar.
- F. ***In the first four seals, God lifts His historic restraints off humans*** as humans attack humans with great hatred fully manifesting their sin. In like manner, ***in the fifth and sixth trumpet, God lifts His historic restraints within the demonic realms***. In other words, God allows the evil character of the kingdom of darkness to be clearly manifest.
- G. ***The fifth and sixth seal will affect the atmosphere***, where as the fifth and sixth trumpets unlocks the depths of the demonic realm beneath surface of earth. They are intentionally parallel and in contrast with each other. The fifth seal opens heaven to release angelic activity (Rev. 6:9-11; 8:3-5) and in contrast the fifth and sixth trumpets open up the bottomless pit (abyss) to let demons out.
- H. ***The fifth trumpet is a literal demonic locust army*** – this locust army has three interpretations – ***natural locusts, human army*** (usually Mohammedan army; or modern helicopters described using ancient language), or ***demonic locusts***.
1. The details including the specific names, rank, description, and 5 month torment, demand this is not figurative language but is to be understood literally. These details are important and must be interpret at face value rather than dismissing as merely symbolic language.
 2. ***The strange form of the demonic locusts*** cause some to see them as symbolic. However, the four living creatures (seraphim) and the cherubim have forms that are unusual to our mindset, yet we understand them as literal descriptions. We must not explain away as symbolic the diverse forms of demons and angels. Demons have bodies like frogs (Rev. 16:13).
 3. The trumpet warning parallels the trumpet warning of the Joel 1-2 locust plague and the Babylonian invasion . However, this trumpet warning is of an army of demons.

IV. FIFTH TRUMPET: TORMENT RELEASED BY DEMONIC LOCUSTS (REV. 9:1-11)

- A. Outline of Rev. 9:1-11. The origin of the demonic locusts (vv. 1-2). The effects of demonic locusts (vv. 3-6). The description of demonic locusts (w. 7-11).
- B. A holy angel descending from heaven to open the bottomless pit (abyss).
I saw a star fallen (descended) from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit (abyss). 2 He opened the bottomless pit (abyss) (Rev. 9:1)
 - 1. The keys to that operate in the spiritual realm. Jesus has the keys of Hades and of Death. (Rev. 1:18) and the key of David to open and shut doors (Rev 3:7).

V. GOD'S THREE-FOLD PURPOSE IN RELEASING A DISTRESSING SPIRIT ON SAUL

- A. To judge Saul – as a rebellious king. God killed Saul or took him away in wrath. God killed King Saul or took him away in God's anger.
I gave you a king (Saul) in My anger, and took him away in My wrath. (Hos. 13:11)
He (Saul) did not inquire of the LORD; therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David... (1 Chr. 10:14)
- B. To judge Israel – for rejecting God as their king (1 Sam. 8:7). God first gave them a rebellious king after their own heart. Then it became worse in that Saul became a tormented king. This affected the national policies of Israel that in turn affected all Israel. This was a manifestation of God's judgment against the entire nation. God sometimes gives a nation a king or president as a judgment on that nation. God gave Saul to Israel in anger because they rejected God as their king (1 Sam. 8). It was not God's time to give Israel a king (David was born about 15 years into Saul's reign).
I gave you a king (Saul) in My anger (Hos. 13:11)
- C. To train David – to be a great king – this was the place to best train David in faith and obedience.

VI. DAVID THE ANOINTED MUSICIAN JOINS SAUL'S ROYAL COURT (16:16–18, 23)

- Let...your servants...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." 17 Saul said..., "Provide me now a man who can play well..." 18 One of the servants...said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing ...and the LORD is with him." 23 Whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it...Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him. (1 Sam. 16:16-23)*
- A. David is a picture of what God wants to release by the Holy Spirit on the End-Time David-generation. We look for NT counterparts to these qualities in the grace of God. David is a picture of the Church that loves, worships and wars in the Spirit.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you-- The sure mercies of David. 4 Indeed I have given him as a witness (model to follow) to the people (Isa. 55:3-4)

- B. ***Manifestation of the Spirit #1*** – anointed to release the presence of God to people especially the oppressed. Today, we see this in God raising up anointed worship musicians or those who lay hands on people to prayer for the release of the Spirit on them.
1. David is a first picture of the potential of the prophetic singer in changing the course of a nation through releasing the presence of God on the king and driving out darkness. David operated in anointed music at age 17 that affected the king, thus an entire nation.
 2. Prophetic music is more than good music. Prophetic music has a supernatural element to it. We must operate in the prophetic anointing in music. We must never be content with good “musical jamming sessions” that people enjoy, but lack power and the flow of the prophetic anointing.
- C. David understood that worship released the power of God’s Throne.
***You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel.* (Ps. 22:3)**
1. Jehoshaphat experienced this in a military crisis.
***When they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated.* (2 Chr. 20:22)**
 2. Elisha understood this principle when the wicked king Jehoram (son of Ahab) made a military alliance with the good king Jehoshaphat (Judah) to fight against Moab. They had marched for 7 days without being able to find for their army and animals. They were in despair thus Jehoshaphat asked for a prophet to help. Jehoram called for Elisha, (who had contempt for his evil ways). Elisha came because he honored Jehoshaphat. Elisha asked for a musician to help him operate in the prophetic anointed (2 Kings 3:1-15)
***Now bring me a musician. Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him* (Elisha). (2 Kings 3:15)**
- D. David sang his way out of trouble
***He also brought me up out of a horrible pit...and set my feet upon a rock... 3 He has put a new song in my mouth-- many will see it and fear...* (Ps. 40:2-3)**
- E. David used songs of deliverance for himself and others
***You shall preserve me from trouble, You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.* (Ps. 32:7)**
- F. David sang as one of his ways to withstand Saul’s attacks.

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those also who hate Him flee before Him. 2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away...4 Sing to God, sing praises to His name; Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By His name YAH, And rejoice before Him. (Ps. 68:1-4)

- G. David last words reveal the way that he saw himself as the sweet prophetic singer as the one who held Israel top governmental position in battle

These are the last words of David. Thus says David the son of Jesse; Thus says the man raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel: (2 Sam. 23:1)

VII. THE PLACE OF PROPHETIC MUSIC AT END-OF-THE-AGE

Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise from the ends of the earth...11 Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice...13 The LORD...shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies. (Isa. 42:10-13)

Behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000...2 I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. 3 They sang ...a new song before the Throne...and no one could learn that song except the 144,000 who were redeemed from the earth. (Rev. 14:1-3)

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, 7 to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; 8 to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 to execute on them the written judgment-- This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD! (Ps. 149:6-9)

In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion...17 the Mighty One, will save...He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." (Zeph. 3:16-17)

VIII. THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID

- A. Premise: the government of the universe is in the Prayer Room. [God is restoring](#) the spiritual [weapons of](#) worship with intercession in [prophetic worship](#).
- B. The Tabernacle of David speaks of [truth](#) of the [governmental restoration of David's international rule](#) in context to [Jewish restoration](#) resulting in the [destruction of all of Israel's enemies, and the exclusive and eternal possession of the entire land of Israel by the people of Israel \(2 Sam. 7:10; 1 Chr. 17:9-10\)](#). It is the [restoration of God's sovereign government](#) over all the nations through [David's dynasty](#). [David's restored dynasty](#) will be [reigning in Jerusalem over the whole earth, as the spiritual, judicial and legislative center of the planet](#).
- C. [God will restore the people of Israel to the land of Israel](#) and [restore Israeli government to the people of Israel](#). A sphere of authority that reach [all the nations](#) on the earth.

D. This government will flow from 24-hour prophetic intercessory worship, as it flourished under Davidic rule. When the full restoration of David's governmental rule comes to pass, it will result in world peace and justice (Isa. 2:4; 9:7) and overflowing physical blessings for Israel and the world (see Isa.27:6; 55:3,12-13). In 1983, the Lord spoke to us that He would release a 24-hour-a-day prayer ministry in the spirit of the Tabernacle of David. The worship and intercession is not the Tabernacle of David itself but rather the spirit behind this future worldwide government.

D.E. **David's progression of government:** David was operating in spiritual government as he worshipped in the open fields of Bethlehem. Then God promoted him to operate governmentally in worship as Saul was refreshed by his anointed worship. Then later he was in the position of king, in two stages, first in Hebron then in Jerusalem. Then he established the Tabernacle of David in Jerusalem which was essential in subduing all his enemies. Then in the Millennial Kingdom, when Tabernacle of David is fully restored he will bring all these element together, as he holds a political position as king, that is supported and energized by the spiritual government of his continued ministry of worship and prayer.

E.F. One of the most significant ministries in the earth today is the raising up of prophetic singers. David did raise up an entire new order of music.

IX. THE KINGS SEARCHED FOR ANOINTED MUSICIAN – THE DRAMA IN THE COURT

- A. ***Saul's servants asked for permission to seek out a skillful harpist*** – to help Saul when the distressing spirit from God came on him. Saul gave command to bring somebody who can worship and drive off evil spirits. In other words, a person who moves in that kind of anointing. This absence of an anointed singer when Saul was pursuing David was obvious.
- B. ***Saul's servants heard of David's reputation*** – David's reputation as an anointed musician, wise behavior and courageous exploits reached the king's court.
1. The royal aids said of David that he was one who was skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, one prudent in speech and one in which the LORD was with.
 2. **David had been** anointed for possibly a year or so (between v.13 and v.14). How did this servant see David play or hear of him? Was it in preparation before fighting Goliath?
- C. As Saul sought for one to play to help him so also will kings in the End-Times.

X. THE 7 FOLD ANOINTING ON DAVID (1 SAM. 16:18-19, 22)

- A. Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward and remained on him through the rest of his life. In other words, it was an abiding grace (enabling) that continued until the end. The anointing increased in David's life as he receive three strategic installments of it. First in Bethlehem (anointing to do tasks by the power of the Holy Spirit) then about thirteen years later in Hebron (anointing to rule over God's purpose), then another seven years later in
- B. Jerusalem (anointing defeat God's enemies). Each installment added new dimensions of grace (enabling) without diminishing the grace of the earlier days. There was a multiplication of grace rather than a replacing of the former operations of it. More is added when he turns 30 and even more again when he turns 37. This is a spiritual principle of growing in the anointing.