

"David: Man After God's Own Heart"

King David was an amazing leader who began with humble roots as the youngest child of a family of shepherds. As a teenager God used him to slay a giant, eventually he was anointed as King of Israel (reigned for 40 years) and he authored 73 of the Psalms. He was a powerful warrior, a passionate worshiper, and a gifted writer. Unfortunately, David also had a moral failure with a married woman named Bathsheba. David confesses his sin and experiences God's forgiveness (Psalm 32, 51) but experiences several painful consequences in his family as the result of his sin.

Israel's "Big Three" Kings

1051 BC	Saul
1011 BC	David
971 BC	Solomon
931 BC	Kingdom Divided

David: Man After God's Own Heart

- Great Grandparents: Ruth & Boaz
- Youngest of eight brothers
- Davidic Covenant: 2 Samuel 7:8-16
- 58 New Testament references to David
- "Son of David" one of Christ's titles
- Tribe of Judah
- Warrior; Worshiper; Writer (73 Psalms)
- Tragic figure- had several BIG struggles and failures

Why did God choose David?

1. A Heart for God (1 Sam. 13:13-14)

"And Samuel said to Saul, 'You have acted foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, for now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. But now your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart...'"

2. A humble servant (Ps. 78:70; 89:20)

"And He chose David His servant, and took him from the sheepfolds."
"I have found David My servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him"

3. A man of integrity (Ps. 78:71-72)

“From the care of the ewes with suckling lambs He brought him, to shepherd Jacob His people, and Israel His inheritance. So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them with skillful hands.”

- Shepherd boy (1 Sam. 16:1-14)
- Defeats a Giant (1 Sam. 17)
- Saul is jealous (1 Sam. 18:7-9)
- Loyal friend- Jonathan
- Saul tries to kill him
- King over Israel (2 Sam. 5)
- Returns ark to Jerusalem (2 Sam 6)
- Unites the kingdom; great leader

King David's Downfall

1. Michal
2. Ahinoam
3. Abigail
4. Maacah
5. Haggith
6. Abital
7. Eglah
8. Bathsheba
9. Other wives and concubines

The Stakes are High!

“Sin has serious consequences. They will find you out. If you do not bring your passions under the Lord's control, they will destroy you.”

—Dr. John Hannah

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2 Samuel 11-12

David's sin with Bathsheba

No victories in private.

Consequences of David's Sin

Death of his son (2 Samuel 12:15-23)

Problems with his family

- Amnon rapes his sister (13:1-19)
- Absalom's revenge (13:20-31)
- Absalom leads revolt; Civil War (15-17)
- Absalom is killed (18)

David's Restoration

Psalm 32:1-7

Psalm 51:1-10

How Satan Attacks Us

When we are...

- Hungry
- Angry
- Lonely
- Tired
- Envious
- Discouraged

Why talk about Sex & Pornography?

- 12 ...Billion dollars per year on porn in US
- 200 ...Porn movies made in US per week
- 4.2 ...Million porn websites
- 25% ...Of internet searches are for porn
- 11 ...Average age of first exposure to porn
- 80% ...Of 15-17 yr olds have seen hardcore
- 53% ...Of Christian men consume porn
- 28% ...Of Christian women consume porn
- 1 out of 3 ...Of us are using porn regularly

Source: *In the Shadow of the Net*, by Patrick Carnes

Biblical View of Sex

There is only one acceptable form of sex in God's eyes: physical intimacy between a man and a woman within the God-given safety and security of the covenant of a marital relationship.

All other forms – adultery, homosexuality, sexual fantasy...are unacceptable to God (and are sin).

- Genesis 1:26-27, 31
- Genesis 2:18-25 (before children)
- Genesis 4:1
- Proverbs 5:15-19
- Song of Solomon
- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; 7:3-5

Our Calling to Purity

1 Peter 1:16

"You shall be holy for I am holy."

“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.”

Applications

- Be honest with ourselves (Ps. 32:2)
- Be honest with God (Ps. 32:5)
- Be honest with others (James 5:1)
- Confess our sin & experience forgiveness (1 Jn. 1:9)
- Get accountability
- Protect our families- esp. children
- Best filter is the Holy Spirit

Resources for Purity

- For all needs:
 - Talk to Church Leaders, Friends, Counselors
- For those who struggle or are hurting:
 - www.celebraterecovery.com
- Private online counseling help:
 - www.pureonline.com
- Computer accountability and filtering:
 - www.covenanteyes.com