

DAVID'S LIFE ATTITUDE

Psalms 63, 40, 34, and Others

Both during the time that David was in hiding from Saul, and after he learned that Saul and his sons had been killed, David's actions revealed his basic attitude of life. Read the following to see what this life attitude was, and how it is expressed in many of his writings:

A. David's Attitude When Hiding From Saul: Read 1 Samuel 23:1-14

1. What did David do when he heard that the Philistines were fighting against the Israelite city of Keilah? 1 Samuel 23:2a

2. When David's men were afraid to obey the Lord's instructions, what did David do? 1 Samuel 23:4a

1. Notice the result of David's action. 1 Samuel 23:5b

4. When David heard that Saul was coming to capture him, what did he do? 1 Samuel 23:10-11

5. Notice the results of this in 1 Samuel 23:13a, 14.

B. David's Attitude After Saul's Death: Read 2 Samuel 2:1-11

1. What was the first thing that David did after mourning over Saul's death? 2 Samuel 2:1a

2. How did David know to which city of Judah he should go? 2 Samuel 2:1b

3. What happened as a result? 2 Samuel 2:4a

4. What took place in Israel after this? 2 Samuel 2:8-10, 3:1

5. After Ish-bosheth was killed 7 ½ years later, what happened? 2 Samuel 5:1-5

6. Notice how David won one of his earliest battles as king: 2 Samuel 5:17-25

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C. Psalm 63: Read this entire Psalm, noticing how the above attitude is reflected.

1. Copy the clauses which show David's intense desire for God:

a. Psalm 63:1a _____

b. Psalm 65:1b _____

c. Psalm 63:1c _____

d. Psalm 63:8a _____

2. When did David especially think of God? Psalm 63:6

3. What were two great results of such an attitude? Psalm 63:5a-b

D. Psalm 40: Read this Psalm in its entirety.

1. What was another very important result of David's life-attitude? Psalm 40:1b, 2

2. What did David say all those who seek the Lord should do? Psalm 40:16

E. Psalm 34: Read this Psalm in its entirety.

1. For what thing did David praise God over and over again in this Psalm? Psalm 34:4, 6, 7, 17, 19

2. What great reward of those who seek God is mentioned here? Psalm 34:10

F. Other Psalms:

1. So prominent is this theme of David's seeking God that it is found in many other Psalms also. See especially Psalm 3:4, 4:1, 8, 5:1-3, 27:4, 8

2. Some of the actual prayers of this period of David's life are recorded for us in Psalms 52, 54, 56, 57, and 59. You may wish to read these.

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What is the chief difference between David's life-attitude and my own?

2. Does God mean so much to me that I seek Him constantly - in each problem, before each decision, and just for communion and fellowship? See Isaiah 55:6, I Chronicles 22:19a, Jeremiah 29:13, Hebrews 11:6b.
