

DAVID, THE SWEET PSALMIST OF ISRAEL

A HEART OF PRAISE

Introduction:

1. David, the son of Jesse, youngest of his eight sons, was not highly regarded by his father or brothers (1 Sam. 16:11; 17:28-28).
 2. Yet, David was raised up on high, to become the greatest King of Israel.
 3. He was anointed of the God of Jacob – chosen and lifted up by God to serve as King.
 - a. David always remembered that it was God's doing, not his own.
 - b. David was a man after God's own heart.
 4. David was...
 - a. An obedient son
 - b. A faithful shepherd
 - c. A mighty man of valor (fought lions, bears, giants, and armies)
 - d. A successful and victorious king
 - e. A man after God's own heart
 - f. A type of Christ
 5. And, David is called the sweet psalmist of Israel – a man whose heart was filled with praise and a desire to worship God.
- I. God's People Are a Singing People
- A. When God created the world, the "morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 38:7).
 1. Perhaps this is a reference to the singing of angels.
 2. Perhaps this refers to the "music of the spheres."
 3. In the beginning, there was singing!
 - B. The victorious in eternity "sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb" (Revelation 15:1-3).
 - C. Moses, Miriam, and the children of Israel sang at the Red Sea (Exo. 15:1, 21).
 - D. Deborah and Barak sang praise to the Lord (Judges 5:1-3).
 - E. The book of Psalms is an inspired hymnal.
 1. Some version of the word "sing" is found 72 times in Psalms.
 2. The longest chapter in the Bible is Psalm 119.
 3. The middle chapter of the Bible is Psalm 117.

Psalm 117:1-2

1 O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.
2 For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.

4. The middle verse of the Bible is Psalm 103:1-2.

Psalm 103:1-2

1 A Psalm of David. Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

2 Samuel 23:1-2

- F. Jesus the Lord sang with His disciples (Matt. 26:30).
 - 1. Imagine hearing Him preach.
 - 2. Imagine hearing Him pray.
 - 3. Imagine hearing Him sing.
 - G. The church is commanded and privileged to sing (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).
- II. The Psalms of David
- A. David is the “sweet psalmist of Israel” because of his character.
 - B. David is the “sweet psalmist of Israel” because he was inspired of God.
 - 1. 2 Samuel 23:2
 - 2. Mark 12:35-37 quoting Psalm 110
 - 3. Acts 1:16 quoting Psalm 69:25 and Psalm 109:8

Acts 1:16

16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

- C. David penned songs of prophecy (Psalm 22).
 - 1. Read verses 1, 7-8, 14-18
 - 2. No need for a description of crucifixion in the New Testament!
 - 3. We do not sing songs of prophecy, for they have been fulfilled.
 - 4. Yet, we sing songs that honor the faithfulness of God and His Word – *Give Me The Bible* (53), *How Firm A Foundation* (73), *Precious Book Divine* (531).
- D. David penned songs of prayer (Psalm 141).
 - 1. Read verses 1-4
 - 2. The song *God Bless America* begins by stating that we “raise our voices in a solemn prayer.”
 - 3. We sing songs of prayer – *Savior Grant Me Rest And Peace* (190), *Be With Me Lord* (290), *Precious Lord Stand By Me* (691).
- E. David penned songs of penitence (Psalm 51).
 - 1. Read verses 1-12, 16-17
 - 2. We sing songs of penitence – *Just As I Am* (119), *Lord, I’m Coming Home* (122), *I Bring My Sins To Thee* (302), *Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind* (338).
- F. David penned songs of praise (Psalm 8).
 - 1. Read the whole psalm
 - 2. We sing songs of praise – *The Spacious Firmament On High* (630), *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah* (70; Psalm 148), *All Things Praise Thee* (434).

Conclusion:

- 1. What a wonderful privilege it is to be able to worship God in song.
- 2. From David, let us learn to be men and women after God’s own heart.
- 3. Let us learn to desire to worship, honor, and praise the God of Heaven.
- 4. Let us use our voices in singing songs that please Him as we teach and admonish one another.
- 5. Like David, let us learn to have a heart full of praise!