

David: A Man of Passion and Destiny

God's Heart, God's Man, God's Ways

SERIES: DAVID - Part 1

- **The World in Which David Was Born**

1 Samuel 8:5 (NIV) ⁵ They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."

There Was the People's Choice and There Was the Lord's Choice

I. Saul: The PEOPLE'S Choice

1 Samuel 8:7-9 (NIV) ⁷ And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. ⁸ As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. ⁹ Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will do."

II. David: The LORD'S Choice

1 Samuel 13:13-14 (NIV) ¹³ "You acted foolishly," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the LORD your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. ¹⁴ But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command."

III. Why Does God CHOOSE People?

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (NIV) ²⁶ Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him.

Three Priorities for God-Appointed Servant Leaders

1. The First Quality God Saw in David Was SPIRITUALITY .

"The Lord has sought out . . . a man after His own heart."

2 Chronicles 16:9 (NIV) ⁹ For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are **fully committed** to him.

2. The Second Quality God Saw in David Was **HUMILITY**.

1 Samuel 16:1; Psalm 78:70; Psalm 89:20

3. The Third Quality David Had Was **INTEGRITY**.

Psalms 78:71-72 (NIV) ⁷¹ from tending the sheep he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance. ⁷² And David shepherded them with **integrity** of heart; with skillful hands he led them.

"integrity": "complete, whole, innocent, having simplicity of life, wholesome, sound, unimpaired."

Gods Method of Training His Servants

1. God Trained David in **SOLITUDE**.

2. David Grew Up in **OBSCURITY**.

3. The 3rd Training Ground: **MONOTONY** .

4. The 4th Training Ground: **REALITY**.

1 Samuel 17:34-35 (NIV) ³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.

A Couple of Lasting Lessons

1st It's in the **LITTLE** things and in the **LONELY** places that we prove ourselves capable of the big things.

2nd When God develops our inner qualities, He's never in a **HURRY**.