

Men and Women of God – David

Jokes:

Six-year old Angie and her 4 year old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. ‘You are not supposed to talk in church.’

Why who is going to stop me? Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said,

See those two men standing behind the door? They’re hushers.

A married Christian couple were ‘debating’ who should get up and make the early morning Saturday cup of tea. She argued that he should be a dutiful husband and bring his wife a nice cuppa. He argued that she should do it because he had had a hard week at work. Finally his wife said that he must make the tea because it says so in the Bible. He did not believe this and insisted that he proved it. So she got the Bible out and there it was – Hebrews.

Worship: Redeemer

Background

Timeline (recap on Moses and Joshua)

(Period of Time in Egypt 430 yrs) Moses born c1526BC, 40yrs as prince, 40yrs in desert, 40yrs leading the Hebrews, **(Period of Time in Wilderness 40 yrs) Joshua** – military failure – incomplete conquest of land - then **Period of Judges** starts in c1375BC, (Tutankhamen dies 1358BC, destruction of Troy during Trojan War BC1183) - 12 Judges ending with Samuel, 6 periods of oppression and deliverance **(Period of Time of Judges 325 yrs)** Saul becomes Israel’s first King cBC1050 **(Start of the Period of Kings)**.

Saul: Result of the people’s request for a King and even though it was not what God wanted God let the people have a King. 1 Sam Ch 8 v1-22, 1 Sam 12 v 12, 17) (c.f The Prodigal Son), Saul starts by being filled with the Spirit of the Lord (1 Sam 10 v 6), but then takes credit for the actions of his son Jonathan (1 Sam 13 v 3), doesn’t trust God (1 Sam 13 v 5-7) then makes an offering without a priest and makes excuses....later exhibits pride, jealousy, envy, malice and consults a witch before committing suicide.

Key verse: 1 Samuel 13 v 14 ‘But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of the people, because you have not kept the Lord’s command.’

Who was that man?

How was David a man after God's own heart? How are we men after God's heart?

What do we know about David?

- David: 2nd King of Israel (perhaps 3rd King of Judah first) Ish-Boheth son of Saul was King of Israel for 2 yrs. **2 Sam 8 v 15** 'David reigned over all Israel, doing what was just and right for all his people.'
- Length of reign: (Hebron 7 yrs 6 months, 33 yrs in Jerusalem – total 40 yrs)
- Author of Psalms – (David wrote 73 psalms, Asaph 12, the sons of Korah 9, Solomon wrote 2, Ethan and Moses each wrote one and 51 psalms are anonymous)
- **Great Grandmother: Ruth**
- Father: Jesse (of Bethlehem, David's home town **1 Sam 20 v 6**)
- Brothers: youngest of 7 brothers (3 oldest: Eliab, Abinadab and Shammah had followed Saul into war **1 Sam 17 v 13**)
- Wives: included Michal (daughter of Saul), Ahinoam, Bathsheba (mother of Solomon), Abigail, Maacah, Haggith, Abital, Eglah
- Sons: included Absalom, Amnon, Solomon, Adonijah, Shephatiah, Ithream
- Daughters: included Tamar
- Friendship: Jonathan

N.B of the house of Judah, Jesus of the house of David (see genealogy's in Matthew and Luke)

How was David a man after God's own heart? (David and Goliath, David and Saul, David and Mephibosheth, David and the Ark, David and the Altar)

David and Goliath (1 Samuel Ch 17)

- Who should have been fighting Goliath? (1 Sam 9 v 2 'He had a son named Saul, an impressive young man without equal among the Israelites – a head taller than all of the others). - This wasn't about a battle of who was the biggest/tallest
- Why is David not afraid?

- Where does David place his confidence?
- What kinds of things make us fearful?
- How do we cope?
- How do we feel when facing mighty spiritual battles? (the full armour of God – **Ephesians 6 v 10-20**)
- What motivated David to fight? (v 26), (v 45-47)
- How do we feel when we hear the name of the Lord defied or used as a swear word?
- Does righteous anger ever spur us to trust and ‘get out of the boat’. (‘In your anger do not sin’ – **Psalms 4 v 4, Eph 4 v 26**)
- David credits the Lord in advance? (Watch out for this in healing services – who gets the credit)

David and Saul

(David comforts Saul 1 Sam 16 v 14-23 – Saul liked David very much, Saul is jealous of David, (1 Sam 18 v 1-8), Saul tried to pin David with a spear (1 Sam 18 v 10,11 1 Sam 19 v 9) Saul tries to kill David (1 Sam 19 v 1), Saul pursues David (1 Sam 21, 1 Sam Ch 23 v 7) David hides in the deserts and in caves (1 Sam Ch 23) David spares Saul’s life (1 Sam 24 v 4), David gives an oath, David spares Saul’s life again (1 Sam 26 v 12)

- Have you ever felt persecuted?
- Have you ever felt picked or treated unfairly by someone in power, a friend or a family member?
- Did you ever imagine revenge in your mind? **Deut 32 v 35** ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay’ Leave judgment to the Lord
- David is presented with two opportunities to take revenge but doesn’t. Why?
- Do we ever stop doing what we want to because we know that our actions won’t honour God?

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1 Sam Ch 2 v 30 ‘....Those who honour me I will honour...’

David and Mephibosheth (2 Sam Ch 9 v 1-12) – Mephibosheth was Jonathan’s son (12 Sam 4 v 4)

(N.B David’s oath to Saul 1 Sam Ch 24 v 21 and to Jonathan 1 Sam 20 v 42)

- What might David have been tempted to do when he found out that there was a relative of Saul’s left alive?
- What does David do instead?
- What motivated David’s treatment of Mephibosheth (doing the right thing...) **1 John 2 v 29** ‘If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.’ **1 John 3 v 7b** ‘...He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.’
- In what way might David’s treatment of Mephibosheth reveal the heart of God?
- In what ways do we show compassion in our dealings with those who are under our influence?
- I am challenging myself here do we cry enough for those in need?

David and the Ark 2 Sam Ch 6 v 12-22 (

- **What was the Ark?** (A symbol of the covenant between God and his people and symbolised the presence of God among his people) Description: Exodus Ch 37 v 1-9
- **What did the Ark contain?** Hebrews 9 v 4,5 ... gold covered Ark of the covenant. This Ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron’s staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant).

The Ark was in Kiriath-Jearim 1 Sam Ch 7 v 2

- Have we ever worshipped God like there is no-one watching us?
- If we did what kind of things would we do?
- Have we ever done those things in public?
- How important is it to us what people think?
- What did the way that David worshipped say?
- What was Michal’s reaction?

- If someone worships God like no-one is watching in our presence, do we feel more like joining in (i.e like David) or more like Michal?
- Do we sometimes lose the joy of worship our sense of the awesomeness of God where we our only response is to praise?

David and the Altar (2 Sam Ch 24)

David, in taking a census to reflect on his strength in a time of peace, realised that he had displeased God through Gad the prophet God offers David the choice of three punishments. David wanted to build an altar for a sacrifice, was offered everything for fee but refused to accept.

- What was David saying when he said ‘I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.’
- What could we give to the Lord that cost us nothing?
- If cost does not apply just to money what other things could it apply to?
- What are the things that are the most valuable to us?
- Could we give them to God?
- What kind of things could we give to God that don’t cost us anything?

Prayer:

Doxology: Isaiah Ch 43 v 18, 19. ‘Forget the former things: Do not dwell in the past. See I am doing a new thing. Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.’

Closing thought: If you can’t sleep. Don’t count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.

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