



SERMON BASED STUDY GUIDE

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Concealed to Revealed: David

OPENING & PRAYER:

Today, we explored the profound connections between David and Jesus, seeing how the life of David is not just a collection of stories, but a prophetic tapestry pointing to Christ. The Bible is intricately woven, with over 63,000 cross-references, and David stands out as perhaps the clearest type of Christ in the Old Testament. David's life, his psalms, and his experiences all foreshadow the person and work of Jesus in remarkable ways.

"Father, I thank you for Your word and Your promises. Continue to guide me as we piece together Your Word throughout the Bible. Bring clarity and understanding as we move through our study. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

SCRIPTURE:

When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" **Matthew 9:27**

And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" **Matthew 12:23**

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying: **Matthew 22:41-44**

The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool" 'If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore. **Matthew 22:44-46**

Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' Hosanna in the highest!" **Matthew 21:9**

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning? O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent. **Psalms 22:1-2**

For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones. They look and stare at Me. They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots. **Psalms 22:16-18**

But You, O Lord, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me! Deliver Me from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog. Save Me from the lion's mouth And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me. **Psalms 22:19-21**

I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You. **Psalms 22:22**

And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." **Matthew 3:17**

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, **Matthew 2:1**

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. **John 10:11**

and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. **1 Peter 5:4**

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." **1 Samuel 16:7**

For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. **Isaiah 53:2**

Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle." **1 Samuel 17:28**

He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: **John 1:11-12**

But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you." **1 Samuel 13:14**

Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me. **Psalms 69:9**

Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up." **John 2:17**

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions. **Psalms 45:6-7**

And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. **Hebrews 9:15**

Nevertheless I will not do it in your days, for the sake of your father David; I will tear it out of the hand of your son. However I will not tear away the whole kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son for the sake of My servant David, and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen." **1 Kings 11:12-13**

and let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we have not inquired at it since the days of Saul." **1 Chronicles 13:3**

for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." **Acts 1:5**

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." **Acts 1:8**

And the Philistine drew near and presented himself forty days, morning and evening. **1 Samuel 17:16**

Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted for forty days by the devil. **Luke 4:1**

Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. **1 Samuel 17:51**

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, **Hebrews 2:14**

Indeed I have taken much trouble to prepare for the house of the Lord one hundred thousand talents of gold and one million talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond measure, for it is so abundant. I have prepared timber and stone also, and you may add to them. **1 Chronicles 22:14**

In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. **John 14:2-3**

for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. **Hebrews 11:10**

Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **Revelation 21:2**

GO DEEPER:

David is mentioned over a thousand times in Scripture and wrote many of the most prophetic psalms, including Psalm 22, which vividly describes the crucifixion centuries before it happened. When Jesus cried out, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” on the cross, He was quoting David, who wrote those words as a prophet, not from personal experience. This shows us that God’s plan for redemption was not an afterthought, but was embedded in the story of Israel from the beginning.

We also looked at the parallels in their anointing, their roles as king, priest, and prophet, and even in their rejection by their own people. David was overlooked by his family, mocked by his brothers, and yet chosen by God because of his heart, not his outward appearance. In the same way, Jesus was despised and rejected, yet He is the beloved Son in whom the Father is well pleased.

David’s confidence was not pride, but a deep trust in God’s faithfulness. When he faced Goliath, he did so knowing that God had delivered him before and would do so again. Likewise, Jesus faced the ultimate enemy—death itself—and defeated it using the very weapon the enemy wielded. Just as David cut off Goliath’s head with the giant’s own sword, Jesus destroyed the power of death through His own death and resurrection.

David understood something few in his time did: righteousness comes by faith, not by works. He was a man after God’s own heart because he repented quickly, worshiped passionately, and trusted in God’s mercy. The covenant God made with David is everlasting, and through Jesus, we are invited into a new and better covenant—not based on our performance, but on Christ’s finished work. Every story, every detail, points us to Jesus, the true and greater David, who brings us into God’s eternal kingdom, house, and nation.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

1. The Bible's intricate design reveals that every story, especially David's, is part of a larger prophetic picture pointing to Jesus. The connections between David and Christ—such as their roles as king, priest, and prophet—demonstrate that God's plan for redemption was woven into Scripture from the very beginning, not as an afterthought but as a divine masterpiece. **[01:26]**

2. David's prophetic psalms, particularly Psalm 22, give us a window into the suffering of Christ on the cross. David wrote words he never personally experienced, showing that the Holy Spirit was revealing the future work of Jesus. This reminds us that God's Word is alive and speaks across generations, preparing hearts for the coming of the Messiah. **[11:21]**

3. God chooses based on the heart, not outward appearance or human qualifications. David was overlooked by his family and underestimated by others, but God saw his heart of worship, repentance, and faith. In the same way, Jesus was not esteemed by men, but He is the beloved Son, and through Him, we too are called beloved and chosen by God. **[22:59]**

4. True confidence in God is not pride, but a settled assurance in His faithfulness. David's boldness before Goliath was rooted in his history with God, not in self-reliance. We are called to distinguish between self-serving pride and God-centered confidence, knowing that victory comes from trusting in God's power, not our own strength. **[26:54]**

5. The new covenant is not based on our performance, but on Christ's finished work. Just as God honored His covenant with David, He honors the covenant made through Jesus. Our forgiveness, blessing, and victory are secured not because we deserve them, but because of what Jesus accomplished on our behalf—He is our mediator, and everything we receive from God is for Jesus' sake. **[39:05]**

LEARNING AND GROWING:

1. According to 1 Samuel 16, what was God looking for when He chose David to be king, and how did this differ from what people were looking for?
2. The sermon mentioned that David was overlooked by his family and underestimated by others, but God saw something different. What was it? **[[22:59]]**
3. The sermon draws a parallel between David's confidence in facing Goliath and Jesus' confidence in facing death. How is godly confidence different from pride, according to the message? **[[26:54]]**
4. Both David and Jesus were rejected by people close to them. Have you ever experienced rejection or misunderstanding because of your faith? How did you respond, and what can you learn from David and Jesus' example? **[[24:08]]**
5. The message emphasized that every story in the Bible points to Jesus. How might you approach reading the Bible differently this week, looking for how it reveals Jesus and God's bigger plan? **[[01:26]]**

CLOSING PRAYER:

"Father, thank you for the opportunities to grow in our faith. As we read through what is to come, we put our faith and trust in You. There may be questions, but when we lean on You, those questions seem small and insignificant. Thank you for guiding us through this world and guiding us to You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."