

2 Samuel is the reign of David, the lineage of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, and is the Messiah Jesus. In the early days of David's reign, he is spiritually-minded in all his military campaigns. He is anointed King over Judah, and Ishbosheth is king over Israel. David is always seeking the divine direction of The Holy One of Israel, he understands that when he is anointed to rule all of Israel, that too is from divine intervention; he always attributes his military successes to God and His divine power; he was enthusiastic to get the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem and he wanted to erect a Temple to his Holy God in Jerusalem. He showed great kindness to Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth.

Then David fell, committing adultery (if you sin in one commandment you sin in all) which resulted in **murder** of his captain Uriah, with whose wife he committed the **adultery**. He **lost his throne**, for that sin, **his four children died**, **a spirit of incest** came into his house: **his son raped his sister**, and it goes on but **the sword has not departed** from his house even unto Jesus, his seed, then to us, Jew and Gentile who accept this blood of Jesus Christ.

But one thing about David, and that is what God loves, is that David had a repentant heart and a grateful heart and mind and David loved the Lord God.

2 Samuel 1.

Read the chapter. An Amalekite comes to David bringing the news that Jonathan and King Saul had fallen at war with the Amalekites. The Amalekite tells him that Saul had tried to commit suicide but he could not die therefore he asked the Amalekite to kill him. He did and he took King Saul's crown and a bracelet and brought it to David. David was beside himself; he rent his clothes, mourned, and wept, and fasted until the evening for Saul and his son Jonathan and for the house of Israel because they were killed. David prophesied about King Saul, his best friend Jonathan and Israel's loss of their King and David's distress for Jonathan. *How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!*

2 Samuel 2.

Read the chapter. David, after having been exalted to be king over all Israel, was always conscious and aware that his promotion had come from God. In this chapter, again, David is asking for divine direction whether he should go to Judah and what city. The Lord directs him to Hebron; David comes to Hebron with his two wives and his army and they lived in Hebron. Then the men of Hebron anointed David King and advised him that the ones that buried Saul and Jonathan were the Jabesh-gilead men. David sends messengers to Jabeshgilead blessing them and telling them that he is king over Judah. But Abner, Saul's captain, made Ishbosheth, the son of Saul, king over Gilead, Ashurites, Jezreel, Ephraim and over Benjamin and over all Israel.

Abner and David's servant, Joab, warred and when Abner told Joab to stop fighting each other as brothers and Joab blew a trumpet and they ceased. Abner and his army went over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim.

2 Samuel 3.

Read the chapter. The house of Saul got weaker and the house of David got stronger and stronger. Six sons are born to David. Abner became very strong for the house of Saul until Ishbosheth, Saul's son confronted Abner of using his Saul's concubine. Abner was furious because he was the one that put Ishbosheth to rule over Israel. Abner put his allegiance and loyalty with David and he sent messengers to David to that end. David answered him that he should bring his wife, Michal, Saul's daughter to him. Abner did that; as well Abner communicated with the elders of Israel telling them that David will be their King.

David, in peace received Abner and also sent him away in peace. But Joab's brother had been killed by Abner and Joab went after Abner and killed him. David was wroth with Joab and his brother for slaying Abner. He fasted and wept at Abner's burial. The people of Israel loved David the more.

2 Samuel 4.

Read the chapter. Rechab and Baanah kill Ishbosheth who was installed king over Israel by Abner and brought the head of the king to David. David commanded his young men, and they slew Rechab and Bannah for killing a righteous man in his bed, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth, and buried it in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

We are introduced to Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son who is lame from falling when Saul and Jonathan were slain.

2 Samuel 5.

Read the chapter. The tribes anoint David king over Israel. He take Zion from the Jebusites and now David has eleven sons. David was 30 years old when he began to reign over all Israel and Judah and he reigned for forty years.

The people of Tyre with their King Hiram sent messengers to King David with cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons and built David an house. Then the Philistines came against David. David enquired of the Lord, should he fight them? The Lord said yes and David slaughtered them. Then again, the Philistines came against him. David enquired again: this time the Lord said no, but to come from behind them and when David hears the mulberry trees rustle, the Holy Ghost is there! Praise the Lord. The Lord is there to smite the Philistines. *And David did so, as the Lord had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until you come to Gazer.*

2 Samuel 6.

Read the chapter. David and 30,000 men went to Kirjath-jearim to get the *ark of God, whose Name is called by the Name of the Lord of hosts that dwells between the cherubims.* They set it on a new cart and brought it to Abinadab in Gibeah. David and his men played all manner of instruments before the ark of the Lord such as harps, psalteries, timbrels, cornets, and cymbals. Uzzah, who wanted to straighten out the Ark as the oxen shook it, died for touching it as only priests of Levi could touch the Ark. David got frightened and left the Ark at the house of Obededom, the Gittite for three months. Then David heard that Obededom was very blessed having the Ark of God so he took up the Ark of God from Obededom and when they had gone six paces they sacrificed oxen and fatlings. And David danced before the Lord with all his might girded with a linen ephod. They brought up the Ark of the Lord with dancing, shouting, and with a sound of a trumpet. But Michal (his wife and Saul's daughter) saw David dancing and leaping and she despised him. David brought the Ark of God and placed it in a tabernacle that David had pitched in Jerusalem. He then sacrificed unto the Lord burnt offerings and peace offerings, and he blessed the people in the Name of the Lord of Hosts. He then distributed to each woman and each man one cake of bread, a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. Then they all left. Michal despised David therefore she had no child unto the day of her death.

2 Samuel 7.

Read the chapter. Nathan, the prophet, was spoken to by the Lord to tell David that David shall not build the Temple to Him but David's son will build it: *He shall build an house for My Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father; and he shall be my son. If he commit*

iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men. But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you: your throne shall be established forever. David was flabbergasted Who am I, O Lord...For Your Word's sake, and according to Your own heart, have You done all these great things, to make Your servant know them. Wherefore You are great, O Lord God: for there is none like You, neither is there any God beside You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. And what one nation in the earth is like Your people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to Himself to make Him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for Your land, before Your people, which You redeemed to Yourself from Egypt, from the nations and their gods? For You have confirmed to Yourself Your people Israel to be a people unto You forever: and You, Lord, are become their God. And now, O Lord God, the word the You have spoken concerning Your servant, and concerning his house, establish it forever, and o as You have said. And let Your Name be magnified forever, saying, The Lord of Hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of Your servant David be established before You. For You, O Lord of Hosts, God of Israel, have revealed to Your servant, saying, I will build You an house: therefore has Your servant found in his heart to pray this prayer before You. And now, O Lord God, You are that God, and Your words be true, and You have promised this goodness unto Your servant. Therefore now let it please you to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue forever before You: for You O Lord God, have spoken it: and with Your blessing let the house of Your servant be blessed forever.

2 Samuel 8.

Read the chapter. David warred with the Philistines and won; then he went after Moab and killed some and made others his servants. At the River Euphrates the king of Zobah so he reestablished his borders. He took from Zobah a thousand chariots and seven thousand horsemen; and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for an hundred chariots. When the Syrians came against Zobah, David slew 22,000 of the Syrians. Then with garrisons in Syria, the Syrians became David's servants. The Lord was with David, wherever he went. With war came brass spoils, silver vessel spoils and vessels of gold spoils, and vessels of brass which David dedicated to the Lord. All the silver and gold he also dedicated to the Lord. Edom became David's servants and David ruled over all Israel and God was with him.

2 Samuel 9.

Read the chapter. David sends for Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son. He restores to him all that was Saul's and had Mephibosheth eat at the King's table. Ziba and his fifteen sons and twenty servants became Mephibosheth's to serve him and his estate.

2 Samuel 10.

Read the chapter. During this time the king of Ammon who was David's friend died and Hanun his son reigned. David sent a party to console King Hanun but Hanun's princes accused King David of spying and Hanun believed them and shamed the party by shaving off one half of their beards, cutting off the garments in the middle to expose their buttocks and sent them away. When they got to Jericho, King David told them to stay in Jericho until their beards were grown and then return. Hanun saw that he was at war, he hired the Syrians, and king Maacah and Ishtob, approximately 33,000 men. When David heard it, he sent his captain, Joab. Joab seeing the multitude chose choice men and put them against Syria; Abishai, his brother,, Joab put against the rest of the Ammonites. Both armies fled before Israel. First the Syrians fled, then the rest seeing the Syrians giving up and running, they too ran. But the Syrians regrouped; David brought all of Israel against them and when Syria saw that that they were beaten, they became David's servants. *So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.* Even today, when you see armies against Israel; you will see they battle the God of Israel.

They cannot win.

2 Samuel 11.

Read the chapter. **ADULTERY.** This is the worst situation I want to tell you about. King David, who should have been on the battlefield with Joab and Israel with the Ammonites, stayed in Jerusalem and saw a beautiful woman bathing on the rooftop and when he enquired, he found out it was the wife of one of his captain's; Bathsheba. He sent his messengers for her and she came to the King and David and she committed **adultery**. David then sent for Uriah, her husband, and demanded of him how Joab did and how the war prospered. David told Uriah to go to his house and he sent along food/meat but Uriah would not go to his house and slept at the King's door: *The Ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in open fields; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As You live, and as Your soul lives, I will not do this thing. ...Tarry here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the morrow.* David sent a letter the next day to Joab to put Uriah on the front lines in the hottest battle that he might be smitten and die. **Murder** enters. After Uriah was killed, Bathsheba mourned her husband; then David took her to his house and she became his wife. They had a son, but the thing that David did displeased God.

2 Samuel 12.

Read the chapter. God sent Nathan, the prophet, to David and gave him this parable: *There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds: But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him. And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the Lord lives, the man that has done this thing shall surely die: And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.*

*And Nathan said to David, you are the man. Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul; and I gave you your master's house, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto you such and such things. Wherefore have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in his sight? You have killed Uriah, the Hittite, with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore **the sword shall never depart from your house; because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.***

The Judgment: *Thus said the Lord, Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house, and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them unto your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. For you did it secretly: but I will do tis thing before all Israel, and before the sun. And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. ...great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, **the child also that is born unto you shall surely die.***

...the child was very sick. David therefor besought God for the child; and David fasted and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. On the seventh day the child died. David, then arose from the earth, and washed and anointed himself, changed his apparel, and came into the house of the Lord, and worshipped:

His servants were surprised that David ate after that fast and lamentation for the child. David said *While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.* TYPE: Jesus, the Messiah, from the lineage of David was resurrected from the dead and David knew it.

David and Bathseba has another son, Solomon, but Nathan called him Jedidiah.

War with Ammonites continued until all were destroyed.

2 Samuel 13.

Read the chapter. **The Judgment continues:** David's son **Amnon raped his half-sister Tamar.** Amnon hated his sister after he raped her and locked the door after he threw her out. Tamar put ashes on her head and ripped her robe the king's daughters wore. **Absalom**, her brother, **who hated Amnon** for doing this to her, took her to his house. But when King David heard of it, he was furious. Two years later, **Absalom arranged to have Amnon killed.** Then Absalom fled and David mourned for his son every day. Absalom was in Geshur for three years. David wanted to go and see Absalom, his son.

2 Samuel 14.

Read the chapter. Joab wanted King David to stop from mourning after his son Absalom and so he asked a wise woman from Tekoah, to confront David about the banishment of his son. David knew it was by Joab that this woman had come to David; he sent for Joab to bring Absalom home to Absalom's own house. All Israel loved how Absalom looked *from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his Head.* We as Christians pray that way: Lord God bless him/her from the sole of his feet even to the crown of his head **in the Name of Jesus.** Christians pray that way because Jesus has given His Name to use by His own children and whatsoever we ask the Father in His Name, it is granted.

Absalom's hair was his beauty and every year he polled it; this year it was in weight 200 shekels after the king's weight. Absalom had three sons and one daughter, named Tamar, after he aunt Tamar.

After two years not seeing his father, David, Absalom sent for Joab. But after two tries, Joab would not come so Absalom directed his servants to burn down Joab's barley that was next to his field. Joab finally showed up and Absalom asked Joab to see his father, David. David saw him and he kissed Absalom.

2 Samuel 15.

Read the chapter. Absalom conspired to take over Israel from David and forty years later Absalom came before David and the king gave permission for Absalom to go to Hebron to sacrifice but Absalom sent spies to all of Israel to declare by the sound of a trumpet that *Absalom reigns in Hebron.* And with *Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem* (these men knew nothing of the conspiracy). And so David fled from Jerusalem because of this conspiracy and the fulfillment of the prophecy of Nathan. David took all his household except ten concubines that stayed behind and they crossed the Kidron Brook. Zadok and all the Levites were with him, bearing the Ark of the Covenant of God; all from the city of Jerusalem. But Zadok decided to return with the Ark of the Covenant of God and he took with him his two sons, Ahimaaz and Jonathan. David and his entourage continue up Mount Olivet and he wept, barefoot and head covered as did his people cover their heads, weeping.

A prophet, Ahithophel, took Absalom's side, and David told his friend Hushai the Archite to go back to Zadok and his two sons to keep an eye on everything and to report back to David. Absalom returned to Jerusalem.

1 Samuel 16.

Read the chapter. Ziba, who was in charge of Mephibosheth's estates met David on top of Mount Olivet bringing to him donkeys, bread, and summer fruit, raisins and wine. When David enquired about Mephibosheth, Saul's lame son, Ziba advised David that Mephibosheth decided to reclaim Saul's kingdom. This appalled David therefore he gave to Ziba, all of Saul's estate and kingdom. Then in Bahurim a man from Saul's kingdom by the name of Shimei, came out to curse David and he threw stones at David and his servants. The servants surrounded David. Abishai, wanted to kill Shimei but David knew this was the Lord's doing because it was prophesied by Nathan. Shimei followed David on a higher level of the hills and kept on throwing stones and cursing David.

Absalom and men of Israel came to Jerusalem and with them the prophet Ahithophel which David asked God to confuse in counsel to Absalom. Absalom questioned Hushai about his loyalty to him or to King David? Then he asked Absalom to counsel him. Ahithophel advised that Absalom should use King David's concubines. Would you believe, he pitched a tent on the top of his house and used the concubines in front of all of Israel just as Nathan had prophesied.

1 Samuel 17.

Read the chapter. Ahitophel's counsel is not heeded by Absalom but Hushai's counsel was followed by Absalom. Hushai sent the two sons of Zadok to tell David what Absalom had planned. David escaped as well as his whole household and his men. The Lord provided beds, basins, earthen vessels, wheat, barley, flour, parched corn, beans, lentils, parched pulse, honey, butter, sheep, cheese through a man Shobi, *the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lodebar and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim.* This was David's wilderness.

1 Samuel 18.

Read the chapter. David divided his armies into thirds: Joab, Abisha, and Ittai as his captains and David wanted to go with them to war, however, the people would not allow that and kept him in the city. David told his captains to be careful not to harm Absalom witnessed by the people. Twenty thousand men died the first day. Absalom met Joab in the thick forest and Absalom's hair got caught in a great oak and his head caught hold of the oak, and the mule that was under him went away. Here he was hanging and Joab's servant told him about it. Joab told the servant that he would have paid him money if he had killed Absalom but the servant said *for in our hearing the king charged you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Beware that none touch the young man Absalom.* Joab took *three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak.* Then another ten men smote Absalom and slew him with Joab. Then Joab blew the trumpet and the people stopped pursuing the people of Israel.

Joab's servants cut down Absalom, cast him in a pit and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent. Then Cush and Ahimaaz ran to give David the tidings of his son's death. **Judgment fulfilled as told by Nathan the prophet and David knew it:** *O my son Absalom, my son, my son, Absalom! Would God I had died for you, O Absalom, my son, my son!*

1 Samuel 19.

Read the chapter. Because of the death of David's son, the people mourned instead of celebrating victory. David wanted to die instead of his son but Joab convinced him to sit at the gate. Then King

David sent for Zadok and his son Abiathar to send all of Judah to the Jordan to get David. David made Amasa, his son, to take over Joab's job as captain. The spitter and curser Shimei, met the king also. All his friends from the tribe of Benjamin, Ziba and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants, and they went over Jordan before the king. Shimei fell down before the king *Let not my Lord impute iniquity unto me, neither remember that which your servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to heart. For your servant does know that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph (he was a Benjamite) to go down to meet my lord the king. ...Therefore the king said unto Shimei You shall not die. And the king sware unto him.*

Mephibosheth tells David that Ziba deceived him and told David that Ziba can have all his property as long as Mephibosheth knows that King David is okay. Barzillai also met him at Jordan and said his goodbyes. Judah conducted the king and his household over Jordan to Gilgal, leaving Israel to wonder what happened to their king and they were angry with each other.

1 Samuel 20.

Read the chapter. Sheba, a Benjamite, blew his trumpet and said *We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to his tents, O Israel.* **Type: it's that easy to say, we have not inheritance in Jesus, who is from the lineage of David.** All Israel followed Sheba and Judah followed David from Jordan even to Jerusalem. His concubines were shut up until they died, living in widowhood. David asked Amasa to assemble the men of Judah but Amasa was late coming back so David asked Abishai to destroy Sheba because Sheba would probably be worse than Absalom toward David. Joab's men, the Cherethites, and Pelethites (the bodyguards) pursued Sheba. Joab met Amasa on the way at Gibeon and Joab slaughtered Amasa; Joab and Abishai his brother then took after Sheba going through all the tribes of Israel.

When they got to Abel a woman came out to meet Joab and she told a prophecy. She told Joab that she will throw over the wall the head of Sheba and so *the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba...and cast it out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king.* **Type: Everytime there is a departure in Victory, a trumpet is blown. So it is with the Rapture of the church; the trumpet will be blown in Victory (death where is your sting?) and the dead in Christ shall rise and we which are alive shall meet them in the air...and we shall forever be with the Lord.** Joab was over all the host of Israel. Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada was over the (Cherethites and over the Pelethites), the bodyguards. Adoram was over the tribute and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder: And Sheva was scribe; and Zadok and Abiathar were the priests: and Ira also the Jairite was a chief ruler about David.

1 Samuel 21.

Read the chapter. A famine for three years and David enquired of the Lord. *It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites. The Gibeonites were of the Amorites.* David asked what can he do for them as an atonement and they asked for the heads of seven of Saul's sons. David spared Mephibosheth because of Jonathan. *The two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite:* He delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites and they were hanged. David took the bones of Saul and Jonathan and the bodies of the seven sons and buried them in the father Kish's sepulchre. *And after that God was entreated for the land.*

In this tough time the Philistines came against Israel and David went with his army and he was faint. Ishbibenob, the giant, thought he had slain David but Abishai smote him. Then again at Gob war with the Philistines produced another slaying of a giant: Elhanan, the son of Jaareoregim, a Bethlehemite, slew the brother of Goliath, the Gittite. Then another battle at Gath, where a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot, six toes, four and twenty in number,; and he also was born to a giant. *And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David slew him. These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.*

1 Samuel 22.

Read the chapter. David sings:

*The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
The God of my rock; in Him will I trust:
He is my shield, and the horn of my salvation,
My high tower, and my refuge, my saviour;
You saves me from violence.*

*I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised:
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.
When the waves of death compassed me,
The floods of ungodly men made me afraid;
The sorrows of hell compassed me about;
The snares of death prevented me;*

*In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God:
And He did hear my voice out of His temple,
And my cry did enter into His ears.
Then the earth shook and trembled;
The foundations of heaven moved and shook,
Because He was wroth.*

*There went up a smoke out of his nostrils,
And fire out of his mouth devoured:
Coals were kindled by it.
He bowed the heavens also, and came down;
And darkness was under His feet.
And He rode upon a cherub, and did fly:
And He was seen upon the wings of the wind.*

*And He made darkness pavilions round about Him,
Dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.
Through the brightness before Him were coals of fire kindled.
The Lord thundered from heaven,
And the most High uttered His voice.
And He sent out arrows and scattered them;
Lightning, and discomfited them.
And the channels of the sea appeared,
The foundations of the world were discovered,
At the rebuking of the Lord,*

*At the blast of the breath of His nostrils.
He sent from above, He took me;
He drew me out of many waters;
He delivered me from my strong enemy,
And from them that hated me:
For they were too strong for me.
They prevented me in the day of my calamity:
But the Lord was my stay.
He brought me forth also into a large place:
He delivered me, because He delighted in me.*

*The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness:
According to the cleanness of my hands has he recompensed me.
For I have kept the ways of the Lord,
And have not wickedly departed from my God.
For all his judgments were before me:
And as for His statutes, I did not depart from them.
I was also upright before Him,
And have kept myself from my iniquity.
Therefore the Lord has recompensed me
According to my righteousness;
According to the cleanness in His eye sight.*

*With the merciful, You will show Yourself merciful,
And with the upright man You will show Yourself upright.
With the pure You will show Yourself pure;
And with the froward You will show Yourself unsavoury.
And the afflicted people You will save:
But Your eyes are upon the haughty,
That You may bring them down.*

*For You are my lamp, O Lord:
And the Lord will lighten my darkness.
For by You I have run through a troop;
By my God have I leaped over a wall.
As for God, His way is perfect;
The word of the Lord is tried:
He is a buckler to all them that trust in Him.
For who is God, save the Lord?
And who is a rock, save our God?*

*God is my strength and power:
And He makes my way perfect.
He makes my feet like hinds' feet;
And sets me upon my high places.
He teaches my hands to war;
So that a bow of steel is broken by my arms.*

*You have also given me the shield of Your salvation:
And Your gentleness has made me great.
You have enlarged my steps under me;
So that my feet did not slip.
I have pursued my enemies, and destroyed them;
And turned not again until I had consumed them.
And I have consumed them, and wounded them,
That they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet.*

*For you have girded me with strength to battle:
Them that rose up against me have you subdued under me.
You have also given me the necks of my enemies;
That I might destroy them that hate me.
They looked but there was none to save;
Even unto the Lord, but He answered them not.
Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth,
I did stamp them as the mire of the street,
And did spread them abroad.*

*You also have delivered me from the strivings of my people
You have kept me to be head of the heathen:
A people which I knew not shall serve me.
Strangers shall submit themselves unto me:
As soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me.
Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be afraid out of their close places.*

*The Lord lives; And blessed be my rock;
And exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation.
It is God that avenges me,
And that brings down the people under me,
And that brings me forth from my enemies:
You also have lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me:
You have delivered me from the violent man.*

*Therefore I will give thanks unto You, O Lord, among the heathen,
And I will sing praises unto Your Name.
He is the tower of salvation for His king:
And shows mercy to His anointed, unto David,
And to his seed forevermore.*

David gives credit where it's due. When he gets offended, he forgives and does not take vengeance. He trusts the Lord for everything, and he sees his enemies fall. No wonder God loved this David so much. I would like to be like David very much.

1 Samuel 23.

Read the chapter. David professed his faith in God's promises. *He that rules over men must be just, ruling in the fear of the Lord.* You know it is justice that God dispenses; His son dispenses Mercy. David says *He has made with me an everlasting covenant... for this is all my salvation...But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands:* Did you

know that Jesus, the Messiah annihilated and paralyzed the devil, the enemy of God and man, at the cross and resurrection?

David lists a catalogue of his mighty men and has included Uriah the Hittite, Bathsheba's husband, who he sent to the front lines to be killed. Indeed Uriah was a mighty and an honorable man.

1 Samuel 24.

Read the chapter. David numbers Israel and it took him and his men he sent out nine months and twenty days. There were *in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.* Then David knew he sinned against God and said to the Lord *I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now, I beseech You, O Lord, take away the iniquity of Your servant; for I have done very foolishly* and his seer, Gad came to him and said *Thus saith the Lord, I offer you three things: you choose one of them, that I may do it to you.*

- 1) *Shall seven years of famine come unto you in your land?*
- 2) *Will you flee three months before your enemies, while they pursue you?*
- 3) *Or three day pestilence in your land?*

Now advise, and see what answer I shall return to Hm that sent me. And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the Lord; for His mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand of man.

Seventy thousand men died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba. David had to sacrifice on a threshing place of Araunah, the Jebusite so that the plague may be stayed from the people. Araunah offered the instruments and the animals for the offering but David said *Nay; but I will surely buy it of you at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which does cost me nothing. So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord was entreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.*

What an amazing man, David.