

Man After God – David

‘I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.’ Acts 13:22

It is truly inspiring to read about David and his passion for God. He is a model for us to press in to all God has for us even though we see vast imperfections in ourselves. No matter what we are walking through, God is with us and for us. Even greater, we can experience this relationship with God as David did.

Studies included in this article are: David wants to know God more; David recognizes God’s Presence throughout his life; The Davidic Psalms; God says about David; Walking through the Davidic Psalms; Comments about their relationship from other Psalmists; David Takes Jerusalem With God.

For more information on this topic, please see: “Man After God-Moses”; “Man After God-Paul”; “People Who Knew God”; “Fellowship”

David wants to know God More:

Psalm 27: 4, 8 **One thing** I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple...When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."

David recognizes God’s Presence throughout his life.

Psalm 139: 1, 10, 13, 16-17, 18b For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David. O LORD, You have searched me and known me...Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me...For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb...Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!... If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; When I awake, I am still with You.

Ps 22:9-10 But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother’s breasts. I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother’s womb You have been My God.

Psalm 16:8, 11 I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved...You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Acts 2:25, 28 For David says concerning Him: ‘I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken...You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.’

David wrote 72 or 73 of the Psalms. I have identified the following:

Book 1: 1-41 All David = 41

Book 2: 42-72: 51-65, 68-70 = 18

Book 3: 90-150: 101, 103, 108-110, 122, 124, 131, 133, 138 = 10

What God Says About David

1 Samuel 13:14 But now your [Saul] 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."

Acts 13:22 And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the *son* of Jesse, a man after My *own* heart, who will do all My will.'

Walking through the Davidic Psalms gives continued and overwhelming evidence that God was with David and David practiced His presence:

Psalms 10:4 The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts.

Psalms 15:1 LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

Psalms 17:15 As for me, I will see Your face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake in Your likeness. (Mt 5:8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.)

Psalms 22: 9-10 But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts. 10 I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You have been My God."

Psalms 23:4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me...

Psalms 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

Psalms 24:3 Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?

Psalms 24:6 This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah.

Psalms 25:15 My eyes are ever toward the LORD, For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Psalms 26:3 For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, And I have walked in Your truth.

Psalms 27:10 When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the LORD will take care of me.

Psalm 27:13 I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.

Psalm 31:16 Make Your face shine upon Your servant; Save me for Your mercies' sake

Psalm 31: 20 You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence From the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion From the strife of tongues.

Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

Psalm 63:1-2 A Psalm of David when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.

Psalm 63:8 My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.

Psalm 69:16-17 Hear me, O LORD, for Your lovingkindness [is] good; Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies. 17 And do not hide Your face from Your servant, For I am in trouble; Hear me speedily.

Psalm 73:23 Nevertheless I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand.

Psalm 73:28 But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works.

Psalm 142:5 I cried out to You, O LORD: I said, "You are my refuge, My portion in the land of the living."

Comments from other Psalmists

Psalm by Ethan the Ezrahite confirms: Psalm 89: 19-20 Then You spoke in a vision to Your holy one, And said: "I have given help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people. I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him.

Another Psalmist says: Psalm 116:9 I will walk before the LORD In the land of the living.

David Takes Jerusalem With God

David says in Psalm 23: Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me...

In 2 Samuel 5, David encounters the Philistines who had deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim (death). The very place God had chosen to put His name, Jerusalem, was infested with demons. But David knew that the Lord was with him.

2 Samuel 5:10 So David went on and became great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.

2 Samuel 5:19-25 So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?" And the LORD said to David, "Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand." So David went to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there; and he said, "The LORD has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim. And they left their images there, and David and his men carried them away. Then the Philistines went up once again and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. Therefore David inquired of the LORD, and He said, "You shall not go up; circle around behind them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees. And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly. For then the LORD will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines. And David did so, as the LORD commanded him; and he drove back the Philistines from Geba as far as Gezer.

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