

SESSION 8 David's 7-fold Anointing (1 Sam. 16:12-23)

I. SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID AS THE NEW KING OF ISRAEL (1 SAM. 16:13)

Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. Samuel arose and went to Ramah. (1 Sam. 16:13)

One of the servants...said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD is with him."...22 Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Please let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight." (1 Sam. 16:18-19, 22)

II. DAVID: GOD'S PATTERN (WITNESS) FOR THE REDEEMED

David is a picture of what God wants to release by the Holy Spirit on the End-Time David-generation. David is the model for obedience and faith. We look for NT counterparts to these qualities in the grace of God. David is a picture of the Church that loves, worships and wars in the Spirit.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you-- The sure mercies of David. 4 Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people. (Isa. 55:3-4)

I will give you shepherds according to My heart...will feed you with...understanding (Jer. 3:15)

You promised...David, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk before Me as you have walked before Me.' (1 Kings 8:25)

Show me a sign for good...because You, LORD, have helped me and comforted me. (Ps. 86:17)

A. David is the model of the anointed Church that operates in power through worship and intercession that comes from those who walk out lifestyles of radical love and obedience towards Jesus. The foundation of David's ministry was his revelation of the governmental impact of prophetic intercessory worship (Ps. 22:3). This is God's most powerful weapon in shifting government in the spirit and transforming the earth now and in the Millennial Kingdom (Ps. 149:6-9; Rev. 4-5). **This is called the beauty of holiness or the Tabernacle of David.**

B. 1 Sam. 16, is one of the more dynamic chapters about David's life. It is meant to focus and build our faith. *We learn much about what God will do in this hour as we understand how the anointing operated in David's life.* David was empowered with seven new supernatural qualities that he did not have before to equip him to operate as a king (1 Sam. 16:18-19, 22). The Spirit gave David qualities that he did not possess before. This was an abiding grace of the Spirit resting on him as a picture of what God wants to do through us. We look for NT counterparts to these qualities in the grace of God.

1. **Manifestation of the Spirit #1: Skillful in playing** – releasing God's presence to others

2. **Manifestation of the Spirit #2:** Mighty man of valor – courageous heart before difficulty
3. **Manifestation of the Spirit #3:** Man of war – successfully defeats the enemy with power
4. **Manifestation of the Spirit #4:** Prudent in speech – wise speech in private and public
5. **Manifestation of the Spirit #5:** Handsome – spiritual beauty of holiness (NT counterpart)
6. **Manifestation of the Spirit #6:** Lord is with him – especially the spirit of revelation
7. **Manifestation of the Spirit #7:** Favor of God – blessed circumstances

C. David was empowered with seven new supernatural qualities that he did not possess in his natural personality. He received ability to do ***special tasks in God's will***, this is called “spirit of might.”

The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him...the spirit of counsel and might (Isa. 11:2)

1. This supernatural grace includes the ability to receive divine information, to release God's power, and also to gather the people and sustain them in pursuit of the highest things on God's heart. The Spirit gave David abilities to do what was impossible to do before. It is the establishing and then the sustaining in ministry or the marketplace because God's invisible hand is operating on our behalf. We cannot move people nor circumstances sufficiently to accomplish God's will unless He moves behind the scenes.
2. Understanding the “spirit of might” keeps God's people humble in their godly accomplishments and hungry in seeking God for renewal of His favor and power. This is in contrast to being presumptuous with the anointing of the Spirit which can end in forfeiting the Spirit's blessing and activity. Many have initiated a ministry or business that required God's invisible activity, only then to grieve the Spirit and thus end up in impossible situations of not being able to maintain what was established without the invisible hand of God working behind the scenes.

D. The Spirit of might came upon Bezalel (Ex. 31:2) to empower him with skills and revelation in the area of craftsmanship to lead the enterprise of building the tabernacle of Moses. Whether leading in marketplace, a construction site or the pulpit, we need the operation of the Holy Spirit.

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 2 "See, I have called by name Bezalel. 3 I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 to design artistic works, to work in gold, in silver...(Ex. 31:1-4)

E. The “spirit of might” also came upon Saul about 15 years earlier.

Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you...7 let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for God is with you....10 then the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. (1 Sam. 10:6-10)

- F. Before David received the anointing, he was described in terms of his natural endowments.
Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. The LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" (1 Sam. 16:12)
1. He was described as *ruddy with bright eyes and good-looking* which spoke of his reddish complexion and hair. Most Jewish boys had black hair with a dark complexion. Therefore, David's unusual physical feature (attractive) made him stick out.
 2. The point of this passage is to make a contrast between natural endowments that cannot produce what David's life was called to achieve in the grace of God. Natural endowments (even ones bringing great distinction) without the release of the authority of Spirit are not sufficient.
- G. The Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward and remained on him through the rest of his life. In other words, it was an abiding grace (enabling) that continued until the end. This is God's norm. The anointing increased in David's life as he received three strategic installments of it. First in Bethlehem, then about thirteen years later in Hebron, then another seven years later in Jerusalem. Each installment added new dimensions of enabling without diminishing the grace of earlier days.

III. MANIFESTATION #1: SKILLFUL (EFFECTIVE) IN PLAYING – RELEASING GOD'S PRESENCE

Let...your servants...seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well." 17 Saul said..., "Provide me now a man who can play well..." 18 One of the servants...said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing ...and the LORD is with him." 23 Whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it...Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him. (1 Sam. 16:16-23)

- A. David the anointed musician, joins Saul's royal court (16:16–18, 23). He was anointed to release God's presence to others including the oppressed. This is the first characteristic mentioned, the most emphasized and the most important one to IHOP. This happens today in various ways, including worship as well as through laying hands on people in prayer for the release of the Spirit on them.
- B. David is a picture of the potential of the prophetic singer in changing the course of a nation through releasing the presence of God on the king and driving out darkness. David operated in anointed music at age 17 that affected the king, thus an entire nation. David's anointing in relieving Saul's distress gives a dramatic picture of the End-Time Church empowered in prophetic worship and intercession to flow in power before the oppressed and especially in victory before the End-Time armies of darkness.
- C. The revelation of the government of prophetic worship. Most worship leaders do not grasp this revelation.
- D. One of David's greatest revelations is that God is enthroned in corporate praise or that praise releases the authority of His Throne.

You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel. (Ps. 22:3)

1. God enthroned in praise means that God moves in power when people corporately praise Him.
 2. This Davidic revelation is one of the foundational principles of which IHOP is built on. David understood this reality like no man in the Old Testament. Prophetic music is more than good music. Prophetic music has a supernatural element to it.
- E. David sang his way out of trouble referring to songs of deliverance (for himself and others like Saul).
You shall preserve me from trouble, You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. (Ps. 32:7)
- F. David's last words reveal that he saw himself as a sweet psalmist (prophetic singer).
These are the last words of David. Thus says David the son of Jesse; Thus says the man raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel: (2 Sam. 23:1)
- G. Jehoshaphat experienced this in a military crisis, he called forth the prophetic singers (choirs).
When they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated. (2 Chr. 20:22)
- H. Elisha understood this principle when the wicked king Jehoram (son of Ahab) made a military alliance with the good king Jehoshaphat (Judah) to fight against Moab. They had marched for 7 days without being able to find for their army and animals. They were in despair, thus Jehoshaphat asked for a prophet to help. Jehoram called for Elisha, (who had contempt for his evil ways) who only came because he honored Jehoshaphat. King Jehoram asked Elisha for prophetic direction in this crisis but Elisha asked for a musician to play and release the hand of God or the authority of the Spirit on him.
Now bring me a musician. Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him (Elisha). (2 Kings 3:15)

IV. THE PLACE OF PROPHETIC MUSIC AT THE END-OF-THE-AGE

- A. Anointed singing from the ends of the earth will lead to the greatest governmental shift in history i.e., Jesus' Second Coming. Jesus' zeal is stirred like a man of war in answer to the worship ministries.
Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise from the ends of the earth...11 Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice...13 The LORD...shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies. (Isa. 42:10-13)
- B. God's strategic End-Time plan is to have His Church participate in this new song of Isa. 42:10-13.
Behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000...2 I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. 3 They sang ...a new song before the Throne...and no one could learn that song except the 144,000 who were redeemed from the earth. (Rev. 14:1-3)
- C. Just before Jesus' Second Coming, Israel is warring like David with the song of the Lord as the foundation of their military warfare

In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them...shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them. 9 In that day that I will...destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. (Zech. 12:8-9)

- D. Israel will use the Davidic revelation of worship and military attack

Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, 7 to execute vengeance on the nations, and punishments on the peoples; 8 to bind their kings with chains...9 to execute on them the written judgment-- This honor have all His saints. Praise the LORD! (Ps. 149:6-9)

V. THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID

- A. The revelation of the government of prophetic worship based on the beauty of holiness. The Tabernacle of David speaks of the truth of the governmental restoration of David's international rule in context to Jewish restoration resulting in the destruction of all of Israel's enemies, and the exclusive and eternal possession of the entire land of Israel by the people of Israel (2 Sam. 7:10; 1 Chr. 17:9-10). It is the restoration of God's sovereign government over all the nations through David's dynasty. David's restored dynasty will be reigning in Jerusalem over the whole earth, as the spiritual, judicial and legislative center of the planet. This government will flow from 24-hour prophetic intercessory worship, as it flourished under Davidic rule.
- B. Premise: the government of the universe is in the Prayer Room. God is restoring the spiritual weapons of worship with intercession in prophetic worship. The End of the Age government and power is linked to singers and musicians. The Davidic Church is one that functions as a house of prayer. It is remarkable how central singers are to the End of the Age drama.
- C. **David's progression of government:** David was operating in spiritual government as he worshipped in the open fields of Bethlehem. Then God promoted him to operate governmentally in worship as Saul was refreshed by his anointed worship. Then later, he was in the position of king, in two stages, first in Hebron and then in Jerusalem.
- D. David's government in Jerusalem flows through worship. Therefore, God sought for a man who sang to God as before an audience of One (in his Bethlehem for years) to develop his history in God. David raised up an entire new order of prophetic worship. David's life expressed this reality like no other. David sang before an Audience of One in the hills of Bethlehem as his family ignored him completely, even when the prophet came to town. He was developing a history in God and the hour comes when God chooses to anoint the boy with the history in God, then suddenly he stood before a king.

- E. In 1983, the Lord spoke to us that He would release a 24-hour-a-day prayer ministry in the spirit of the Tabernacle of David (worship is not the Tabernacle of David itself, but rather the spirit behind God's government). This is the foundational revelation of IHOP. We are still in our "Bethlehem years" developing our history in God before the manifest authority of 1 Sam. 16:18.

VI. MANIFESTATION #2: MIGHTY MAN OF VALOR – COURAGEOUS BEFORE DIFFICULTY

- A. Goliath: courage in a national crisis. David's stand against Goliath was a dynamic expression of courage in a national crisis. David rose up in faith by the anointing of the Spirit before impossible odds to change the course of his nation.

David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword....I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you...that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel...." (1 Sam. 17:45-47)

- B. Lion and bear: courage in a natural crisis. It is important that we develop a history of courage in the smaller ways in our private life.

David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock..." (1 Sam. 17: 34)

praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, (Eph. 6:18-19)

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. ...18 And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:13-20)

29 Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, 30 by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. 32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. 33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. 34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, (Acts 4:29-34)

- C. The battle in Rev. 13 will require that we are filled with courage and not fear.

Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace (free from fear), without spot and blameless; (2 Pet. 3:14)

God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power...and of a sound mind. (2 Tim. 1:7)

Men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. (Luke 21:26)

The cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers...and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone... (Rev. 21:8)

Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 22 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. 23 When they persecute you in this city, flee to another...26 Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. 27 "Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. 28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. 30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. (Mt. 10:21-30)

VII. MANIFESTATION #3: MAN OF WAR –DEFEATS THE ENEMY WITH GOD'S POWER

- A. David's had more than courage, but a proven ministry that successfully defeated the enemy with God's power. There were many examples of this in David's life after this point. In the NT setting, this could refer to being effective in evangelism or healing the sick, etc.

David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David. (1 Sam. 17:50)

For by You I can run against a troop, by my God I can leap over a wall. (Ps. 18:29)

The people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits. (Dan. 11:32)

I will give power to my two witnesses...6 These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire. (Rev. 11:3-6)

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. (Jn. 14:12)

In the last days, says God, I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams...19 I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. (Acts 2:17-19)

VIII. MANIFESTATION #4: PRUDENT IN SPEECH – WISE SPEECH IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC

David went out wherever Saul sent him, and behaved wisely. Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people.... (1 Sam. 18:5)

David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the LORD was with him. 15 Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him. (1 Sam. 18:14-15)

David behaved more wisely than all...his name became highly esteemed. (1 Sam. 18:30)

A. David's leadership goals and philosophy (Ps. 101). The wise master builder

According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1 Cor. 3:10-11)

B. Divine diplomacy – unifies and motivates God's people to rise up to do God's purpose. This includes using wise speech that avoids the naivety of idealism, the bitterness of cynicism and the ambition of a political spirit that compromises (fear of man that refuses to take a stand). Godly diplomacy is vastly different than operating in a "political spirit" which is motivated by selfish ambition out of God's will. David understood the nature of people. David understand how to motivate and restrain weak and sinful people without falling to idealism, cynicism or a political spirit. His patience and wisdom with people of ambition was profound. David could calm an explosive situation instead of adding fire to it. David spoke with godly diplomacy as he was skilled with guileless, yet wise speech. He had skill in relational issues and solving complex tensions. Even in his youth, he possessed a supernatural ability in divine diplomacy.

C. Guileless yet wise words are necessary to best serve God's purposes.

I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. (Mat 10:16)

D. Jesus has supernatural grace on His words that far surpassed David

You are fairer than the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips...(Ps 45:2)

praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, (Eph. 6:18-19)

5 their rulers, elders, and scribes, 6 as well as Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander....were gathered together at Jerusalem....8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers...and elders of Israel: 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. ...18 And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:5-20)

"Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. 17 But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge you in their synagogues. 18 You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. 19 But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; 20 for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. 21 Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. (Mt. 10:16-21)

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, (1 Pet. 4:10-11)

IX. MANIFESTATION #5: HANDSOME – SPIRITUAL BEAUTY OF HOLINESS (NT COUNTERPART)

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. (Ps. 29:2)

Do not let your adornment be merely outward...4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. 5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves... (1 Pet. 3:3-5)

- A. The Holy Spirit makes believers attractive so that people “smell” the fragrance of God through them. desire to have what they have.

God always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. 15 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those...16 To the one we are the aroma of death...to the other the aroma of life leading to life. (2 Cor. 2:14-16)

- B. The Spirit will make Gentile believers attractive so Israel desires to have Jesus as the Gentiles do.

To provoke them (Israel) to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. (Rom. 11:11)

- C. David said that God desires to beautify His people. This was something David understood personally.

For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation. (Ps. 149:4)

- D. Moses prayed for this to be released in the redeemed as Isaiah prophesied that it would.

Let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us and establish the work of our hands for us. (Ps. 90:17)

To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness (Isa. 61:3)

X. MANIFESTATION #6: LORD IS WITH HIM – ESPECIALLY THE SPIRIT OF REVELATION

Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him (David) that of the fruit of his body...He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, 31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ...(Acts 2:30-31)

David gave his son Solomon the plans for the vestibule (temple)...12 and the plans for all that he had by the Spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, of all the chambers all around...13 also for the division of the priests and the Levites, for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD...19 All this," said David, "the LORD made me understand in writing, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans." ...21 Here are the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of the house of God.. (1 Chr. 28:11-21)

I have seen the consummation of all perfection... (Ps. 119:96)

He stationed the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with stringed instruments, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, of Gad the king's seer, and of Nathan the prophet; for thus was the commandment of the LORD by his prophets. (2 Chr 29:25)

Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel...knew that Samuel had been established as a prophet of the LORD. (1 Sam. 3:19-20)

The king (Nebuchadnezzar) answered Daniel, and said, "Truly your God is the God of gods, the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret." (Dan. 2:47)

The king (Belshazzar) said, "Are you that Daniel who is one of the captives from Judah, whom my father the king (Nebuchadnezzar) brought from Judah? 14 I have heard of you, that the Spirit of God is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you." (Dan. 5:13-14)

Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. 7 And let it be, when these signs come to you, that you do as the occasion demands; for God is with you....10 then the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. (1 Sam. 10:6-10)

Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 22 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. 23 When they persecute you in this city, flee to another...26 Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known. 27 "Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the housetops. (Mt. 10:21-30)

XI. MANIFESTATION #7: FAVOR OF GOD – BLESSED CIRCUMSTANCES

David came to Saul and stood before him. He loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer. 22 Saul sent to Jesse, "let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight." (1 Sam. 16:21-22)

Saul set him over the men of war...he was accepted in the sight of all the people (1 Sam. 18:5)

David behaved more wisely than all...his name became highly esteemed. (1 Sam. 18:30)

- A. David became Saul's armorbearer which was a position of unique intimacy and importance in the royal court. David stood before the king because of God's favor. God's favor touched David's circumstances in many ways (political, economic, spiritual, military, ministry, etc). David started as a poor shepherd boy, yet became the wealthiest man in Israel.

- B. David was still serving the sheep after being anointed by Samuel and traveling back and forth from the king's court. This is the early sign of humility motivated by gratitude which is opposite of the spirit that Saul had.
- C. The "*Ferris wheel of favor*" goes up and down.
- D. God's favor on David profoundly humbled him instead of being the occasion of his pride.

David...sat before the LORD and said: "Who am I, O Lord? What is my house, that You have brought me this far?...20 What more can David say to You? For You...know Your servant. (2 Sam. 7:18-20)