

the people would die for (14:1-15) and follow (14:16-45). He was a holy man who gave God credit for his victories (14:12) And he was an humble man who bowed before David when he knew God wanted him as king (18:1- 4). Why not Jonathan then? Because God's special assignment for him was to stay with his father as an influence for good and to be the best friend David ever had. God's special assignment for David was to be King.

Do you want to rise high for God and man? Four words will do it. I call them God's dynamite because they will change your life like nothing else. In them you will find your career, your life's companion and your place in the God's service. They are - THY WILL BE DONE!

Those of us who are older just mourned the passing of Mickey Mantle, the great center for the Yankees who was liked and envied people of all ages. As a boy I had his poster on my bedroom wall and wanted like him one day Thank God that Mickey Mantle died saved. He accepted Christ on his death bed and the main reason was Bobby Richardson, the Yankee second baseman who witnessed to him for years and never gave up on him..

I don't challenge you to be like Mickey Mantle, He himself regretted that he had waited so long to get right with God and because of alcohol had hurt a lot of people he loved and who loved him. I challenge you to be Bobby Richardson, one who stood up for Christ from the start and goes through life helping people. When Bobby was playing he was asked to pray at an FCC national banquet. His prayer gives the secret of his life and David's. He said,

"Dear God! Your will! Nothing more! Nothing less! Nothing else! Amen!"

### SPIRITUAL PRIORITIES

(Ps. 55:6; 42:1-2; 1 Sam. 17:26; 2 Sam. 23:3:1 1 Kn. 2:2)

To be saved and surrendered to God's will is not enough we must put God first in everything. We need a "God intoxicated" soul. I believe it is living every minute of every day knowing we are in the presence of; are responsible to, and are going to face the God who put us here for a reason. When Daniel Webster was asked the greatest truth he had ever learned, he snapped back immediately: "My personal responsibility to almighty God!" David was God intoxicated. In Psalm 42:1-2 he sang:

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God my soul thirsts for God, for the living God."

The interesting thing is that David's name is not attached to the Psalm. But listen to the comments of Spurgeon,

"Although David is not mentioned as the author, this Psalm must be the offspring of his pen; it is so Davidic, it smells of the son of Jesse, it bears the marks of his style and experience in every letter. We could sooner doubt the authorship of the second part of Pilgrim's progress than question David's title to be the composer of this Psalm."

(The Treasury of David, p.299, Associated Publisher and Author's Inc., Byron Center, Mich., 1970 ed.)

Spurgeon knew David well. David's whole life was wrapped up in God. As a boy, he said of Goliath, "Who Is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God? (1 Sam. 17:26)