

JESUS: David's Greater Son

study #12



THE LIFE OF DAVID: Cultivating a Heart for God

Of all human beings, perhaps David has received the most honor. His name is strongly associated with God's people (Israel), God's city (Jerusalem and especially God's Son, the Messiah). Surely David would humbly declare that none of this honor was due to anything he accomplished, nor to his consistency or personal righteousness. Like you and me, David realized that honor is a gift from God. It is not to be boasted of, but cherished with gratitude.

Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said:
"Who am I, O Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? And if this were not enough in your sight, O Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant. Is this your usual way of dealing with man, O Sovereign LORD?"

2 Samuel 7:18-19



Jeremiah 33:15,16

"In those days and at that time will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days, Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live safely. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness."



This is one of the most important Messianic passages (foreshadowing the Christ) in Jeremiah. What does it mean?



Zechariah 13:1

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity."



What else do these verses from Zechariah reveal about the coming Messiah?



Psalm 22

This Psalm is probably the most specific Messianic prophecy David ever wrote. apart from Isaiah 53, it provides the most graphic Old Testament portrait of the Messiah's suffering. [Commentators have noted that no event in David's life relates exactly to this Psalm; David may or may not have realized that what he was writing was being used by God to describe something greater than himself.]



Make observations of **everything** you could learn about the Messiah from this one Psalm:



Matthew 22:41-46

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?"

"The son of David," they replied.

He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." 'If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.



This is a difficult passage. Think carefully —

1. What have the Pharisees been trying to do? (look back in the same chapter)
2. What is Jesus doing as He quotes from Psalm 110? What point is he making about Himself?



The Book of Revelation

In each of the following verses, Jesus is described in a way that relates to David. Write out your observations on what each passage is teaching.



3:7 (see also Isaiah 22:22, Matthew 16:19)



5:5



22:16



**LIFE RESPONSE:
What Does it Mean to Me?**

- ◆ Of all the prophetic passages you've read in this study, what aspect of Jesus the Messiah stand out the most to you?
- ◆ As you look back at David's life, seeing his obscure beginnings, his triumphs and failures, and his final honor of being associated with Christ, how does it all relate to you?
- ◆ In what ways do aspects of your life parallel David's?
- ◆ How will you, like David, be graciously associated with Jesus?

*"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.
To him who overcomes, I will give some of the hidden manna.
I will also give him a white stone with a new name written on it,
known only to him who receives it."
(Revelation 2:17)*



Recommended Reading:
"The Jesus I Never Knew", by Philip Yancey