



Prayer Topic and Main Word – People of God – Part 14 – This is a pertinent question to ASK, think about, pray about, and stand in God for in this time

People of God

What type of character did they have? Who were they? What did they do?

Today's Prayers

Heavenly Father, thank YOU for the gift of today.

Thank YOU for the season finishing the season opening up.

Thank YOU for YOUR goodness from above in each desire, thought, word, and action.

YOU are with each of us today in each choice, each thought, each decision, each word, and action taken to follow YOU and YOUR will done on earth as it is in heaven in Jesus.

Praise YOUR name for ALL YOU are, who YOU are, what YOU are doing, and shall do.

WE give thanks to YOU for ALL the amazing just, kind, true, loving, gracious and merciful acts done before, during time, and after time.

Who was King David?

King David was the second king of the united Kingdom of Israel and Judah (after Saul), and one of the most important figures in the Old Testament. His story is told mainly in the books of 1–2 Samuel, 1 Kings, and 1 Chronicles. He is traditionally dated to roughly the early 10th century BCE (often around c. 1010–970 BCE), though exact dates vary by chronology.

<https://www.britannica.com/biography/David>

Early Life and Rise



David was the youngest of eight sons of Jesse, from the tribe of Judah, and grew up as a shepherd in Bethlehem. He was secretly anointed him as the future king while Saul still ruled, because God had rejected Saul for disobedience. As a young man, David became famous for killing the Philistine giant Goliath with a sling and a stone. He entered Saul's service as a musician (playing the lyre) and warrior, but Saul's growing jealousy forced David to flee. He spent years as an outlaw leader before Saul and his son Jonathan died in battle against the Philistines. <https://www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org/jsource/biography/David.html>

Reign

David was first made king over the tribe of Judah in Hebron (about 7½ years). After the collapse of Saul's remaining house, the northern tribes also accepted him, and he became king over all Israel and Judah at age 30. He reigned a total of 40 years (roughly 7½ in Hebron and 33 in Jerusalem). Key achievements include:

- Conquering Jerusalem from the Jebusites and making it the political and religious capital ("the City of David").
- Bringing the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem.
- Defeating the Philistines decisively and expanding Israelite control over neighboring peoples (including Moabites, Edomites, Ammonites, and others), creating a significant regional power.

He prepared materials and plans for a temple, which his son and successor Solomon later built. The Bible portrays his reign as a high point ("golden age") of the united monarchy.

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Character, Flaws, and Writings

David is called "a man after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14; echoed in Acts 13:22). He was a skilled warrior, administrator, musician, and poet, composing many of the Psalms. His personal life was complex and flawed: he had multiple wives and concubines, and the well-known episode with Bathsheba involved adultery and the arranged death of her husband Uriah. The prophet Nathan confronted him, and David's repentance is recorded in the Bible (including Psalm 51). Despite these failures, the narrative presents him as ultimately loyal to God and a model of repentance.

Historical Notes



Nearly all detailed information comes from the biblical texts. Extra-biblical evidence includes the 9th-century BCE Tel Dan Stele (and possibly other inscriptions), which refers to the “House of David,” confirming that a historical figure named David founded a royal dynasty in Judah. Archaeological finds from the period are consistent with the emergence of a more organized kingdom, though the precise scale of David’s empire remains debated among scholars.

<https://biblearchaeology.org/research-articles/the-evidence-for-king-david-and-an-update-on-the-tel-dan-stela>

In short, David stands as the ideal (if imperfect) king in the biblical tradition—a shepherd who became a unifier, conqueror, poet, and ancestor of a promised eternal line.

Saul and David started out with a great relationship.

What happened from Saul loving David to desiring to scheme to kill David?

Pray we keep our heart in YOU, for ALL the issue of life come from our own heart.

1 Samuel 16:22 - And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let **David** remain in my service, for he has found favor in my sight."

David went about his business doing sheep herding and also did what God was leading him into

There is a transition process from what was, is, and shall be in God.

Pray we follow YOUR lead in each step, doing as YOU anoint and open, with a willing heart, true to YOU, open and following YOU with our whole heart in the name of Jesus.

1 Samuel 17:20 - And **David** rose early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took the provisions, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the encampment as the host was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry.

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1 Samuel 17:26 - And **David** said to the men who stood by him, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine, and takes away the reproach from Israel? For whom is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he **should defy the armies of the living God.**"



YOU help each of us to be and do in YOU, fulfilling the directives, steps, engagements, and processes YOU lead each of us through.

We say YES to YOU!

1 Samuel 18:5 - And **David** went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

Prayer Requests

If you have any prayer requests, please email them to us and we will pray. How powerful is prayer? The incense to God, which is our obedience and the prayers of the saints, moves the hand of God into action in the last days (Revelations).

Prayer Verses

Ruth 4:17 - And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Na'omi." They named him Obed; he was the father of Jesse, the father of **David**.

Ruth 4:22 - Obed of Jesse, and Jesse of **David**.

1 Samuel 16:19 - Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me **David** your son, who is with the sheep."

1 Samuel 16:20 - And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a skin of wine and a kid, and sent them by **David** his son to Saul.

1 Samuel 16:21 - And **David** came to Saul and entered his service. And Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer.

1 Samuel 16:22 - And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let **David** remain in my service, for he has found favor in my sight."



1 Samuel 16:23 - And whenever the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, **David** took the lyre and played it with his hand; so, Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

1 Samuel 17:12 - Now **David** was the son of an Eph'rathite of Bethlehem in Judah, named Jesse, who had eight sons. In the days of Saul, the man was already old and advanced in years.

1 Samuel 17:14 - **David** was the youngest; the three eldest followed Saul.

1 Samuel 17:15 - But **David** went back and forth from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.

1 Samuel 17:17 - And Jesse said to **David** his son, "Take for your brothers an ephah of this parched grain, and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers."

1 Samuel 17:20 - And **David** rose early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took the provisions, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the encampment as the host was going forth to the battle line, shouting the war cry.

1 Samuel 17:22 - And **David** left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage, and ran to the ranks, and went and greeted his brothers.

1 Samuel 17:23 - As he talked with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spoke the same words as before. And **David** heard him.

1 Samuel 17:26 - And **David** said to the men who stood by him, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine, and takes away the reproach from Israel? For whom is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God."

1 Samuel 17:28 - Now Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against **David**, and he said, "Why have you come down? And with whom



have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your presumption, and the evil of your heart; for you have come down to see the battle."

1 Samuel 17:29 - And **David** said, "What have I done now? Was it not but a word."

1 Samuel 17:31 - When the words which **David** spoke were heard, they repeated them before Saul; and he sent for him.

1 Samuel 17:32 - And **David** said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

1 Samuel 17:33 - And Saul said to **David**, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth."

1 Samuel 17:34 - But **David** said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock."

1 Samuel 17:37 - And **David** said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to **David**, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

1 Samuel 17:38 - Then Saul clothed **David** with his armor; he put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail.

1 Samuel 17:39 - And **David** girded his sword over his armor, and he tried in vain to go, for he was not used to them. Then **David** said to Saul, "I cannot go with these; for I am not used to them." And **David** put them off.

1 Samuel 17:41 - And the Philistine came on and drew near to **David**, with his shield-bearer in front of him.

1 Samuel 17:42 - And when the Philistine looked, and saw **David**, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, ruddy and comely in appearance.



1 Samuel 17:43 - And the Philistine said to **David**, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed **David** by his gods.

1 Samuel 17:44 - The Philistine said to **David**, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field."

1 Samuel 17:45 - Then **David** said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."

1 Samuel 17:48 - When the Philistine arose, came, and drew near to meet **David**, **David** ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:49 - And **David** put his hand in his bag and took out a stone, and slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

1 Samuel 17:50 - So **David** prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine, and killed him; there was no sword in the hand of **David**.

1 Samuel 17:51 - Then **David** ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath, and killed him, and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

1 Samuel 17:54 - And **David** took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armor in his tent.

1 Samuel 17:55 - When Saul saw **David** go forth against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" And Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I cannot tell."



1 Samuel 17:57 - And as **David** returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

1 Samuel 17:58 - And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And **David** answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

1 Samuel 18:1 - When he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of **David**, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul."

1 Samuel 18:3 - Then Jonathan made a covenant with **David**, because he loved him as his own soul.

1 Samuel 18:4 - And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to **David**, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his girdle.

1 Samuel 18:5 - And **David** went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

1 Samuel 18:6 - As they were coming home, when **David** returned from slaying the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with timbrels, with songs of joy, and with instruments of music.

1 Samuel 18:7 - And the women sang to one another as they made merry, "Saul has slain his thousands, and **David** his ten thousand."

1 Samuel 18:8 - And Saul was incredibly angry, and this saying displeased him; he said, "They have ascribed to **David** ten thousand, and to me they have ascribed thousands; and what more can he have but the kingdom."

1 Samuel 18:9 - And Saul eyed **David** from that day on.



1 Samuel 18:10 - And on the morrow an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while **David** was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand.

1 Samuel 18:11 - And Saul cast the spear, for he thought, "I will pin **David** to the wall." But **David** evaded him twice.