

Session 3: David and the Anointing of the Holy Spirit

I. OUR PRIMARY FOCUS IN THIS CLASS

- A. David's Revelation of God
- B. David's Heart Responses to the Changing Landscape of Life Circumstances
- C. David's Vision to Establish Day and Night Worship

II. SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID WITH OIL AND THE LORD ANOINTS HIM WITH THE SPIRIT (1 SAMUEL 16:13)

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

- A. **David is a picture of what God will release by the Spirit upon the church at the end of the age.** David's revelation of God, his lifestyle and his ministry focus is a picture of what the Lord is raising up at the end of the age.
- B. **The first and primary manifestation of the power of the Spirit David's life – especially in his early years – was the power of God that was released through David's music and song.** David had a revelation of the power of worship and prayer in God's purposes. Though the fullness of this revelation is seen in the Tabernacle and eventually the Temple, David manifested the power of the Holy Spirit through worship and prayer even in his youth.
- C. **We learn much about what God will do in this hour as we understand how the anointing operated in David's life (Is. 55:3–4).** 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 through natural endowment. This was an abiding grace of the Spirit resting on him as a picture of what God wants to do through us.

III. THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT IN DAVID'S LIFE

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 man of good presence; 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)

- A. Skillful in playing – releasing God's presence to others; more than natural ability – it was a supernatural power that changed people's thoughts, feelings, attitudes and life directions.
- B. Mighty man of valor – courageous heart before difficulty; resolve; isn't intimidated; ability to dream
- C. Man of war – David had a history of successfully defeating the enemy with power. He had not only the courage to desire but the ability to do it. Acts 1:8 "Power shall come upon you."

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)

- D. Prudent in speech – wise speech in private and public; David was enabled to operate in wise diplomacy. David understood how to motivate and restrain people well. He could put out the flames of an explosive situation and could relate to leaders and followers alike with graciousness and humility.

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)

- E. Man of good presence – spiritually attractive; to the Lord through righteousness by grace through faith and to people through the grace and favor of God

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

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

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)

God who 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 who are being saved and among those who are perishing. ¹⁶ To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. (2 Cor. 2:14–16)

- F. Lord is with him – intimacy, impact, circumstances

- G. Favor of God – blessed circumstances; people, places and things

- H. 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. The invisible power of God is what distinguishes David's life.

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 power of the Holy Spirit 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 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. 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.

IV. DAVID AS A MODEL OF THE MANDATE OF OUR MISSIONS BASE IN TAURANGA

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 joins Saul's royal court as an anointed musician (16:16–18, 23) anointed to release God's presence to others; especially the spiritually oppressed. This happens today in various ways, including worship, preaching and through laying hands on people in prayer for the release of the Spirit on them.
- E. 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.
- F. One of David's greatest revelations is that God is enthroned in corporate praise or that praise releases the authority of His Throne. God enthroned in praise means that God moves in power when people corporately praise Him. This Davidic revelation is one of the foundational principles of which this ministry and missions base is built upon. 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 that has the power to change people and history.

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

- G. 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)
- H. 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)
- I. Elisha understood this principle When King Jehoram asked Elisha for prophetic direction in a military crisis 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)

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

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)

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)