

Session 4: David Anointed by the Spirit to Experience the Depths of God

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. DAVID ANOINTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO EXPERIENCE THE DEPTHS OF GOD THROUGH DIVINE REVELATION

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 was anointed by the Spirit in Bethlehem as a 16 year old young man. The fruit of the anointing was expressed in a multitude of ways throughout the rest of his life. When the life of David is taught he is generally presented as:
 - 1. David the anointed King
 - 2. David the anointed Musician/Psalmist
 - 3. David the anointed Warrior
- B. While these 'faces' of David are accurate descriptions of him, the thing that 'made David David' was the fact that he received extremely unusual revelation; revelation of the personality of God – His attributes and emotions. David was a student of God's personality. He made it his primary ambition to cultivate intimacy with God. Thus David was also an anointer prophetic teacher.
- C. David was anointed by the Lord to experience the Lord. This was the primary anointing upon David's life and that which he treasured above all things.
- D. In the New Covenant we have greater access to the depths of God than David did whereby the Spirit searches the depths of God to reveal to us. This is what Jesus explained in John 16:12–15 and what Paul taught repeatedly:

9 But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart/mind of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him" [through natural faculties] —10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.**
11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, THAT we might understand the things freely given us by God. (1 Corinthians 2:9–12)**

- E. Authentic spiritual transformation occurs when the Spirit leads us to encounter and experience the wonder of God's Being (cf. Psalm 17:15)

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:17–18)

III. DAVID AND THE SPIRIT OF REVELATION IN THE PSALMS

The book of Psalms gives us insight into how David related to the Holy Spirit in his pursuit of depth in God. David's quality of "life" was connected to the "light" of God's "face" touching his heart revealing the "glory" or the "beauty" of the Lord to him. In Psalm 13:3 David prayed, "Light up my eyes lest I sleep the sleep of death." Not obtaining "light" was equivalent to "death" in David's mind. He had a profound understanding of what Paul called "the spirit of wisdom and revelation" in Ephesians 1:17. David's life vision and values flowed from his understanding of the spirit of revelation and was a result of the spirit of revelation. Here are a few high points in the Psalms regarding the spirit of revelation:

A. Psalm 36

5 Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

6 Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.

7 How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

8 They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights/pleasure.

9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

B. Psalm 27

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;

4 One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

8 You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

13 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

D. Psalm 63

1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

4 So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips,

6 when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

7 for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy.

8 My soul follows hard after you; your right hand upholds me.

E. Psalm 145

1 I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

2 Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

4 One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

6 They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

7 They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

8 The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9 The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.