

The Life and Times of David – AK 08

COMMENTER'S GUIDE

EXAM 1 – Trace the progressive downfall of Israel's spiritual condition that led them to demand a king.

1 - COMMENTS

The people of Israel repeatedly sinned against God ([1 Samuel chapters 1–8](#)) and Samuel judged and corrected them, But then as Samuel grew old and the elders saw that his sons did not walk in his ways, they asked that a king be appointed to judge them. They wanted to be just like all the other nations (1 Sam 8:5) But, the Lord wanted to be their king (Hosea 13:10)

1 - VERSES

- [1 Sam 8:5](#) “now make us a king to judge us like the other nations.”
- [Hosea 13:10](#) I will be your King.

EXAM 2 – How have you experienced the shepherd work of God in your life?

2 - COMMENTS

His shepherd work in our lives would include the following:

His provision of all our needs (Ps 23:1)

His provision of rest (Ps 23:2)

His provision of leading us in righteousness and restoring us when we go astray (Ps 23;3)

His presence when we go through trials and dark experiences (Ps 23:4)

His help when we are persecuted (Ps 23:5)

His assurance that we will finally be at home with Him in His house (Ps 23:6)

2 - VERSES

- [Ps. 23:1-6](#) The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want
- [Ps. 95:6-7](#) Let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.
- [1 Peter 5:3-4](#) Being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.
- [Acts 20:28](#) Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.
- [John 10:7](#) Jesus said to them most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.
- [Prov. 3:5-6](#) Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

EXAM 3 – How did God prepare David for his experience in the Valley of Elah? How have you seen God's preparation for a challenge He has given you?

3 - COMMENTS

- . David was a servant, ready for every kind of work (2 Tim 2:21)

- He was ready to fight Goliath because of his experience as a shepherd in protecting his sheep (1 Sam 17:34-37) He had fought a lion and a bear and killed them. He was confident that the God Who had delivered him from a lion and a bear would deliver him from Goliath.

3 - VERSES

- [2 Tim 2:21](#).. He will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.
- [1 Sam 17:34-37](#) I used to keep my father's sheep..a lion and a bear came ..I struck it and killed it and delivered the lamb.
- [Rom. 12:1-2](#) Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.
- [Phil. 1:6](#) He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.
- [Col. 3:16-17](#) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

EXAM 4 – Give at least two examples of how an awareness of the believer's union with Christ should affect our lives.

4 - COMMENTS

- He was rejected and hated by the world. Our union and identity with Him means that the world will treat us just as it treated Him (John 15:18-19)
- Our union or identity with Him means that we should live as He lived (1John 2:4-6)

4 - VERSES

- [Jn 15:18-19](#) If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you..you are not of the world, but I choose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.
- [1 Jn 2:4-6](#) He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him...He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.

EXAM 5 – How does knowing what God has planned for His children in the future affect the way you live your life now?

5 - COMMENTS

- One thing that He has planned for us in the future is that we will be like Christ. We should, therefore desire to live to please Him. (1 John 2:28-3:2) His coming should be an incentive for us to be found abiding in Him or walking in obedience to Him

5 - VERSES

- [1 Jn 2:28-3:2](#) ..abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming, If you know He is righteous..we should be called the children of God..When He is revealed, we shall be like Him.
- [2 Phil. 3:20](#) Our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ

- [1 Pet 1:13-19](#) Gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children.
- [2 Pe 3:11-13](#) The day of the Lord is coming, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot.

EXAM 6 – Discuss why David is such a good subject for illustrating the grace of God.

6 - COMMENTS

- David did fail at times to trust the Lord and relied on his own understanding of things (Proverbs 3:5-6) When pursued by Saul he fled in fear to the camp of the Philistines and was there under false pretensions for 16 months
- He was not trusting the Lord at this time nor at a later time when he again found refuge from Saul in the camp of the Philistines (1 Samuel 27:1-3) But after Ziklag was taken, God enabled him to recover his family and possessions and his abilities as a leader were seen (1 Samuel 30:1-18)

6 - VERSES

- [Prov 3:5-6](#) Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths.
- [1 Sam 27:1-3](#) Now I shall perish one day at the hand of Saul...So David dwelt with Achish at Gath.
- [1 Sam 30:18](#) So David recovered all...

EXAM 7 – Explain why it is important to do God’s work in God’s way.

7 - COMMENTS

- His ways are higher than ours (Isa 55:6-9) He knows everything and we are limited in our understanding and knowledge.
- There are bad consequences of not doing things God’s way.

7 - VERSES

- [Isa. 55:6-9](#) The heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.
- [Jer. 9:23-24](#) Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD.
- [Matt. 6:33](#) Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.
- [1 Cor. 1:31](#) He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.
- [Rev. 3:15-16](#) I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot ... because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

EXAM 8 – Review the ways God taught David that he was nothing and God is everything. How is God teaching you the same thing?

8 - COMMENTS

- God took him from the keeping of sheep to be ruler over His people Israel and had continued to be with him and to cut off his enemies and to make his name great. (2 Sam 7:8-9)

8 - VERSES

- [2 Sam 7:8-9](#) I took you from the sheepfold from following the sheep to be ruler over my people Israel. I have been with you..cut off your enemies and have made you a great name.
- [Rom. 15:4](#) Whatever things were written before were written for our learning.
- [Rom. 10:17](#) Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
- [Matt. 23:12](#) The humble will be exalted.
- [Zeph. 2:3](#) Seek humility.

EXAM 9 – Why does Mephibosheth illustrate the Christian’s attitude toward Jesus’ return? How does this affect your life?

9 - COMMENTS

- When David returns to Jerusalem after Absalom is killed, Mephibosheth comes to meet David. He has neither washed or shaved from the time David had left. He was greatly indebted to David for the kindness he had shown him. He deprived himself of any motive to adorn himself in his absence. This is the attitude we should have in our absence of our king. We have been saved by His grace. We should live our lives in reference to Him waiting for His return (1 John 3:1-3).

9 - VERSES

- [1 John 3:1-3](#) Behold what manner of live the Father has bestowed upon us.. And everyone who has this hope in himself...
- [Rom. 5:7-10](#) God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- [Col. 1:12](#) Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.
- [2 Peter 1:2-4](#) His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness ... through these you may be partakers of the divine nature.
- [James 5:7](#) Be patient as you await the Lord's return.
- [1 Thess. 5:23](#); [1 Tim. 6:13-15](#) Be blameless in our lives.
- [Heb 9:28](#) Christ was offered to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him shall He appear a second time..

EXAM 10 – David learned that God’s will was for him to “serve his generation.” How can you learn from David’s example—both good and bad—to serve those the Lord puts in your life?

10 - COMMENTS

- David was a good example of not returning evil for evil. He did not treat Saul as Saul treated him. He loved justice and righteousness. He was faithful to God and did not practice idolatry as many in his generation did, even members of his own family. However, he did use his position as king to commit adultery and murder.

10 - VERSES

- [Gal. 5:13](#) You have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.
- [1 Peter 2:16-17](#) As free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.
- [1 Cor. 9:9](#) Paul became a servant of everyone.
- [Luke 22:26](#) Better to be a servant than to be ambitious.