

# **“David: Humbled Hero”**

- 1) “The Heart of David”***  
*(Psalm 27:4)*

David was a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_.

**In this Psalm, we get a glimpse into the heart of David:**

He knew that God \_\_\_\_\_ him. (vs. 1-2, 5)

He \_\_\_\_\_ God. (vs. 3)

He was \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 11)

He \_\_\_\_\_ on God (vs. 13-14)

**Most importantly of all, David was a man who sought after \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(vs. 4)

## NOTES

## QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION AND PRAYER

*David, a masculine warrior of a man, was also a sensitive, poetic worshiper. Do you think it's challenging for many men to cultivate a heart of tender love for, and adoration of, God? What do you think it looks like for a Christian man to be both a warrior and a worshiper? How we might want to pray for God to change us to become all that He has called us to be as men in Christ?*

What does David want more than anything?: To be in \_\_\_\_\_.

**Questions to ponder personally:**

**1) What are you asking for?** *What are the desires of your heart? What are you asking God for? Is God Himself what you want more than anything else? Is God enough to fully satisfy your heart? Do you really know your heart in this matter?*

**2) What are you seeking?** *What is driving your heart? Are your ambitions selfish ambitions or holy ambitions? Are you running hard after God or are you running after other things? Consider what you are seeking and how it is leading to what you are becoming.*

3) **What are you living for?** Do you know the motives of your heart? Are you clinging tightly to things of this earth? Do you live like David, in the perspective of eternity? If you were to die now, would it be, like Paul, gain for you?

David was \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

His desire was to behold \_\_\_\_\_.

**Questions to ponder personally:**

4) **Are you really in love with God, or do you really just have a transactional business relationship with Him?**

5) ***Are you worshipping God in private—like David, beholding the beauty of the Lord? Do you consider the things of God's nature and character and see profound beauty as you gaze at everything that makes God to be God?***

6) ***Has your love for God grown cold? Do you need to ask God to re-ignite the flame of your heart's love for Him?***



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- 2) *“The Heroism of David”*  
*(1 Sam. 13:13-15; 1 Sam. 16:1-13;*  
*1 Sam. 17:1-54)*

**A Worldly Hero**

Is \_\_\_\_\_

Depends on \_\_\_\_\_

One who \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ -Focused

Believes \_\_\_\_ won the victory

**A Godly Hero**

Is \_\_\_\_\_

Depends on \_\_\_\_\_

One who \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ -Focused

Believes \_\_\_\_ won the victory

**A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a godly hero**

**God is always looking for a man whose \_\_\_\_\_.**

**God is looking for a man who knows he's \_\_\_\_\_ so that He can  
do \_\_\_\_\_.**

**When God looked into David's heart, He saw the things that He had already  
\_\_\_\_\_ in him.**

**God is \_\_\_\_\_ into your heart. And He's looking for  
\_\_\_\_\_.**

**We are called as men of God, to be heroes unto \_\_\_\_\_, not heroes unto  
\_\_\_\_\_.**

## NOTES

## QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION AND PRAYER

*What are the “giants” that you are facing in your life right now? Share them with the group. Then lift one another up in prayer to the Father, in the name of our Giant Killer, Jesus Christ, that He might vanquish these giants.*

**Question to ponder personally:**

***What do you think God is seeing when He looks into your heart?***

Godly heroes are formed in their \_\_\_\_\_ hearts.

**Questions to ponder personally:**

***How is it in your secret heart? Are there secret sins that are preventing God's formation of you into all that He has called you to be? Is their hypocrisy in your public vs. private life? Is God forming you into the godly hero He intends for you to be?***

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a hero

Great battles are won or lost on the \_\_\_\_\_ on which they are fought.

David occupied the \_\_\_\_\_ ground because it was \_\_\_\_\_ ground:

David remembered God's \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 34-36)

David had a zeal for God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(vs. 26)

David knew that the \_\_\_\_\_ was the \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 45-47)

Godly heroes fight on \_\_\_\_\_ ground, not \_\_\_\_\_ ground.

**Questions to ponder personally:**

***What ground are you standing on? God's ground is solid; your own ground is not. Are you depending on your own ability or are you standing on God's high ground, the Solid Rock?***

C. \_\_\_\_\_ the giants

God is the real \_\_\_\_\_ in our life.

Your ability to live for God and serve Him is directly related to your

\_\_\_\_\_ to Him. And this must be \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

surrender.

God's \_\_\_\_\_ offer is His \_\_\_\_\_ offer. There are no

\_\_\_\_\_ surrender terms with God.

**Questions to ponder personally:**

***Search your heart and ask if you have fully surrendered to God. What might you be holding back from Him? Talk with God about the giants in your life that you are facing now, and ask Him to show you how, in order to have victory over these things, you must first lay everything down in complete, unequivocal surrender to Him.***

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- 3) “*The Humbling of David*”  
(*2 Sam. 11:1-27; 2 Sam. 12:1-15;*  
*James 1:14-15; Ps. 38, Ps. 51, Ps. 32)***

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sin

Sin can happen more readily when we are \_\_\_\_\_ where we  
\_\_\_\_\_ be and when we \_\_\_\_\_ where we \_\_\_\_\_ be.

1. Sin can occur when we are \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Sin can also occur when we are \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Sin can occur when we are in positions of \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_.

Sin is \_\_\_\_\_.

## **QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION AND PRAYER**

*Can you share with the group a way that God has humbled you at some time in your life? How did you respond? Was confession and repentance a part of the process of your response? How did God use this humbling in your life?*

**Questions to ponder personally:**

***Looking at your life right now, are there times when you are not where you should be and are where you shouldn't be? Is there now an environment for sin to thrive in your life?***

**B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sin**

**The \_\_\_\_\_ of sin (James 1:14-15)**

**1. The \_\_\_\_\_ for sin (vs. 14)**

**2. The \_\_\_\_\_ in sin (vs. 15a)**

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ from sin (vs. 15b)

**Question to ponder personally:**

***Have you thought about how your sin can bring "death" to those closest to you, and maybe others as well? Ask God to show you any present sin in your life, and how it will bring hurt and pain to others.***

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sin

We should know that sin is \_\_\_\_\_.

Sin cannot be \_\_\_\_\_. It must be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Questions to ponder personally:**

***Are you trying to be a "sin manager?" Are there sins in your life that you need to confess and stop trying to "control?"***

D. \_\_\_\_\_ from sin (Ps. 38, Ps. 51, Ps. 32)

1. Restored to \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 51:11)

**Questions to ponder personally:**

***Have you thought about how your relationship with God is affected by your sin? Is there distance and coldness between you and God because of sin?***

2. Restored to \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 51:14)

**Questions to ponder personally:**

***Is your worship cold or half-hearted? Examine your heart. Could there be sin in your life that is impeding your worship?***

3. Restored to \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 51:7)

**Question to ponder personally:**

***Are you struggling to walk in godliness in all sincerity and consistency? Seek the Lord and ask Him to reveal any sins that are causing you to stumble.***

4. Restored to \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 51:6)

**Questions to ponder personally:**

***David knew he needed to have truth in the inmost parts. How are things in your "secret heart?" How are you when no one is looking? Do you have integrity in your life?***

5. Restored to \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps. 51:12)

**Questions to ponder personally:**

***Can you say at this moment that you have full joy in the Lord? Is there sin in your life that is robbing you of your joy?***

The wonderful thing is that God has a \_\_\_\_\_.

## 14 Independent Topical Studies from the Life of David

### Study #1 David's Worship

*Read **Psalm 145**. This Psalm is one of the best Scripture guides for examining, in worship, God's attributes and character. Consider just some of these: His name, greatness, might, majesty, goodness, righteousness, mercy, grace, steadfast love, compassion, and faithfulness. Think about these aspects of God. They are what make God to be God. Worship for not only what He has done for you, but for His nature.*

### Study #2 David's Teachable Heart

*Three passages stand out. Read **1 Sam. 25:1-43**, **2 Sam. 12:1-15**, and **2 Sam. 16:5-14**. How do each of these stories show how teachable David's heart was? God used a godly woman, an obnoxious ranter, and a prophet to teach David. Many men, even Christian men, resist being taught by God. Are you a teachable man? Are you ready and willing to receive God's instruction and correction, no matter what vehicle He chooses to use?*

### Study #3 David Trusts in God

*Read **Psalm 37:1-7**. Do you struggle sometimes with trusting God? What does David, in this Psalm, encourage you to do to help you trust in Him? Think of the things in your life right now for which you need to trust God fully for.*

### Study #4 David's Hunger for God

*Look at **Psalm 63**. David wrote this when he was in the wilderness being pursued by his enemies. His physical thirst reminded him of his spiritual thirst. How he thirsts and faints for God! (vs.1). His hunger and thirst for God lead him to*

*behold Him (vs. 2), praise Him (vs. 3) and bless Him (vs. 4). Do you know of this kind of hunger, that only God can satisfy? Ask Him to cause your heart and soul to long for Him with great earnestness, and know that He will continually satisfy such yearning.*

## **Study #5 David and God's Commandments**

*Study **Psalm 19:7-14**. David loves God's commandments. To him, they're perfect and sure (vs.7), right and pure (vs. 8), true and righteous (vs. 9). They are desirable and sweet (vs. 10). David heeds God's warnings through His commandments and knows that there is great reward in keeping them (vs. 11). David even asks God to keep him from hidden faults, errors, and presumptuous sins not spelled out in God's law, that he might truly walk blameless before the Lord (vs. 12-13). How is it with you and God's word? Do you delight in all His commandments or do you resent some of them? Are you taking God's word seriously? Do you really want to walk in holiness before God?*

## **Study #6 David's Wonder**

*Truly, **Psalm 139** is one of the most profound reflections on the wonder of who God is in all of the Bible. David is rapturously caught up in wonder as he thinks about God's omnipotence (vs. 1-6), omnipresence (vs. 7-12) and His personal and unique creation (vs. 13-18). "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me," David says. (vs. 6). "How precious to me our Your thoughts, O God." (vs 17). Is there great wonder in your heart as you consider who God is, what He is like, and what He has done? When you think these wondrous thoughts about God, does it lead you, as it did David, to ask Him to search your heart and show you any wicked way in you? (vs. 23-24)*

## **Study #7 David's Thanksgiving**

*Read over **Psalm 103** carefully. See how David pours out thanksgiving to God—for His love, mercy, life, grace, patience, forgiveness, and so much more. We see the height, depth, width and breadth of God's love in this Psalm:*

*The height of God's love: "For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him." (vs. 11)*

*The depth of God's love: ". . . Who redeems your life from the Pit." (vs. 4)*

*The width of God's love: "As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us."*

*The breadth of God's love: "But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear Him."*

*Are you a thankful man? A godly man is a grateful man. Do you find yourself to be one who complains more than he gives thanks? Ask God to fill your heart with*

*thanksgiving for all He is to you and all that He has done for you. Forget not His benefits!*

**Study #8 David's Humility**

*Study 2 Sam. 7:1-29. Sometimes, God's blessings can puff a man up, but David here instead is humble. What is it that causes David to respond to God in such a humble way? Check your heart today. Are you walking in pride or humility?*

**Study #9 David's Contentment**

*Psalm 23 is probably the best-known Psalm, but it's worthy of your continued study. See how content David is. He knows he is fully in the Lord's hands, and that His God will provide for him, lead him, restore him, protect him, bless and anoint him, and be with him always. Can you truly say today that you have this kind of godly contentment? Or, is your heart troubled over some things? Like David, find your comfort and contentment in God.*

**Study #10 David's Praying**

*David really knew how to cry out to the Lord. We see this in so many of his Psalms. One example is **Psalm 31**. He prays here to God in a time of great trial. He is in affliction (vs. 7) and is being pursued by his enemies (vs. 8, 15). He is in great distress and grief (vs. 9) and in sorrow and misery (vs. 10). He is scorned by those around him, and people are plotting against him (vs. 11, 13, 20). He has become "like a broken vessel." (vs. 12). And yet, he pours out his prayer to God, confident that He knows of his troubles and "has set my feet in a broad place." (vs. 7-8). He trusts in God—his times are in His hand. (vs. 14-15). He knows of God's steadfast love (vs. 16, 21) and goodness (vs. 19), and that God will hear his petition (vs. 22). He knows God will preserve him. (vs. 23). Do you know how to cry out to God like this? To cast your cares on Him Who cares for you? Why don't you unburden your heart to God today? Whatever is weighing on you, say with David, today: "But I trust in Thee, O Lord. I say, Thou art my God." (vs. 14).*

**Study #11 David's Grief**

*We see in **2 Sam. 1:1-27**, **2 Sam. 3:17-39**, and **2 Sam. 18:1-33** how David was a man who was unashamed to shed tears and to grieve. This mighty warrior had a tender heart. As a man, is your heart soft? Are you reticent to communicate sorrow when you feel it? If you have a family, would your wife and children describe you as distant and stoic or close and tender?*

**Study #12 David's Protector**

*Look at **Psalm 3**. In this short Psalm, David bears witness that God is his protector. Though many are rising up against him (vs. 1), and these say that God will not come to his aid (vs. 2), yet he knows God is his shield, his glory, and the One who lifts his head up (vs. 3). He can sleep in peace, knowing that God*

*sustains him (vs. 5), and he is not afraid, though tens of thousands are against him. He knows that “deliverance belongs to the Lord.” (vs. 8). Is this your testimony? Is it your assurance that God will watch over you? In times of trial and attack, are you at peace knowing that God is your deliverance?*

### **Study #13    The Kindness of David**

*Go to 2 Sam. 9:1-13. This is the story of David’s kindness to Mephibosheth, the last remaining one from the house of Saul. As he had promised his friend Jonathan, David looked after this crippled man. He located him, restored his land and promised that he would always eat at his table. It was an act of deep compassion and kindness, so unusual for a king of that day, especially considering all that Saul had to done to try to kill David. Sometimes, men can be harsh and uncaring. Would you consider yourself to be a kind man? Do you have compassion in your heart for the hurting and needy? Ask God to give you His heart of love today.*

### **Study #14    David’s Friendship**

*Read 1 Sam. 18:1-5; 1 Sam. 19:1-7; 1 Sam. 20:1-42; 2 Sam. 1:1-27. David’s friendship with Jonathan was a deep and abiding one. Both were warriors and worshipers. Both had a passion for God’s glory. Their hearts were knit together. Jonathan loved David “as his own soul,” (1 Sam. 18:1, 3; 1 Sam. 20:17), and David felt the same. They were “soul brothers.” It was not a sexual relationship as is sometimes claimed—the Hebrew word for “loved” here is never used in the Old Testament for sexual love. As men in battle know, men can have deep, rich, close relationships. Every Christian man needs a man whose heart is knit with his, someone who will stand with him in good times and times of trial. Someone who will be faithfully encourage, challenge, and pray for him. Consider whether or not you have such a Christian brother in your life.*

## **The 72 Psalms of David**

Psalm 3-9  
Psalm 11-32  
Psalm 34-41  
Psalm 51-65  
Psalm 68-70  
Psalm 86  
Psalm 101  
Psalm 103  
Psalm 108-110

Psalm 122  
Psalm 124  
Psalm 131  
Psalm 138-145

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