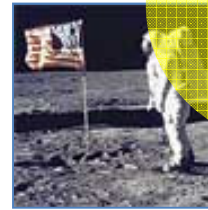


## Questions

1. Who was king before David?  
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2. Where was David born?  
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3. How many brothers did David have?  
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4. Where in the Bible are we told that David was a man after God's own heart?  
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5. God chose David because he was a handsome young man  
True / False
6. David was known for singing \_\_\_\_\_ as well as for swinging a sword.
7. David refused to kill King Saul because Saul was \_\_\_\_\_ by God.
8. To be a Christian is to be anointed by the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ of God
9. Water \_\_\_\_\_ is how a person is prepared for anointing under the New Covenant.
10. What happens when we are baptized?
  - a. We are forgiven
  - b. We are saved
  - c. We are anointed as kings and priests
  - d. We are added to the Church by Jesus
  - e. All of the above

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*But from there you will seek the LORD your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul.*

Deuteronomy 4:29

A LOOK INTO THE HEART OF GOD THROUGH THE STUDY OF HIS WORD

Part Five

## **The Heart of Royalty** **David**

David was a young shepherd boy when God sent Samuel to anoint him as king. Nobody expected that he would be the one, not even Samuel. We learn a very important lesson from 1 Samuel 16. Samuel went to the house of Jesse in Bethlehem in obedience to God's command and Jesse paraded seven sons in front of Samuel. God did not accept any of them and he had to explain the process to Samuel with these words:

*But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."* 1 Samuel 16:7



So Jesse called his youngest son in from the fields and God told Samuel that this was the one that He had chosen to be king. (1 Samuel 16:11,12) Hundreds of years later, when Paul was preaching the gospel in the synagogue at Pisidian Antioch, he spoke of this event.

*After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'* Acts 13:22



In a world where many seem to be focused on outward appearance, isn't it comforting to know that God focuses on what our hearts are like? Our looks will fade but our heart should become more and more beautiful. David became king because his heart was faithful to God. One of the most encouraging statements in the Bible comes from Peter in 1 Peter 2:9.

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

Peter is speaking to those who have hearts like King David. Such people are regarded by Jesus as a "Royal Priesthood". In Revelation 1:5b,6 John, the writer of Revelation, includes himself among such people when he talks about how Jesus established the Royal Priesthood.

*To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

A Christian, then, is one who has been anointed by God to serve God and the main thought behind this service is that they are to praise God. David distinguished himself as a courageous warrior but in some of his last words he spoke of himself this way:

*Now these are the last words of David:  
The oracle of David, the son of Jesse,  
the oracle of the man who was raised on high,  
the anointed of the God of Jacob,  
the sweet psalmist of Israel. 2 Samuel 23:1*

David wrote most of the 150 Psalms that are collected in the Old Testament book of Psalms. He was not ashamed to pour out his heart to God. His life was full of both glorious victory and tragic failure and his songs tell both sides of that story. When David sings about his life, though, you will notice that he always sings mainly about God.

Eg "*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want*".

In victory he praised God and in failure he repented to God.

David was the anointed one but he never forgot that it was God who anointed him. That is the difference between David's heart and Saul's heart. Saul was king before David who at one time served Saul by singing for him (1 Samuel 18:10). David became a fugitive when Saul turned against him and relentlessly tried to kill him. On more than one occasion David had opportunity to turn the tables and kill Saul but he refused to do so with these words from 1 Samuel 26:11.

*But the LORD forbid that I should lay a hand on the LORD's anointed.*

Most would say that David was within his rights to kill Saul, even if he was the anointed one. David, however, never forgot that it was God who anointed him and he would never go against God.

Before anointing can take place the one being anointed must be washed, or purified. Jesus has to wash us before He can anoint us as kings and priests (Revelation 1:5,6). That is why those whom Peter describes as a royal Priesthood in 1 Peter 2:9 had been baptized as he describes in 1 Peter 3:18-22. When Peter preached in Acts 2 the Jews asked him what they should do in view of the fact that they had killed the Son of God (Acts 2:36,37). His answer was:

*"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."* (Acts 2:38)

Under the New Covenant water baptism is the faithful response to God's invitation to be anointed by Him. The anointing itself is the Holy Spirit as Paul confirms later.

*And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.* (2 Corinthians 1:21,22)

Acts 2:41 tells us that there were about 3000 souls who were baptized. They had been brought out of darkness into God's marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9) When a person repents of their sins and is baptized in the name of Jesus Christ a profound change takes place. That person is now saved from sin and anointed as a king and priest of God. Now that is something to be praising God about, isn't it? See how that all comes together in Acts 2:47 where those who are saved are...

*...praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.*

Like David we must accept that anointing is a work of the LORD and that He anoints every single person who is saved and that He adds them to the rest of those who are saved. This is the community of the faithful, the royal priesthood, the Church. David might call them the armies of Israel as he did just before he killed Goliath. (1 Samuel 17:45-47). The enemy Philistines were about to learn not to go against God, and their teacher would be a shepherd boy who had the true heart of royalty. David would not go against God, or anyone whom God had anointed therefore God's enemies could not go against him. The giant warrior, Goliath, was easily overwhelmed by David's faith in God. (1 Samuel 17:48-49)

Those of us who would be kings and priests of God Almighty would do well to follow his example of humble courage.