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Preparation for Bible class: Salvation, Jn 1:29. Fellowship with God, 1 Cor 2:16-3:3; Gal 5:22-23; Jn 14:16;
Rom 6. Spiritual maturity, Matthew 22:37-40

LIFE OF DAVID (58)
1 SAMUEL 20:3-30
DAVID TAKES A NOSEDIVE INTO REVERSIONISM

A. David Takes a Nosedive into Reversionism, 1 Sam 20:3.

1. David was a fantastic man of God, yet he took a nosedive into reversionism.
2. There were six flights of David, and it was during the 3rd flight that David went into reversionism, 1 Sam 19:10, 19:18, 20:1, 20:42, 21:10, 21:1.
3. David quickly fell into reversionism because of fear (= lack of faith).
 - a) The Bible commands us not to be afraid precisely because the Lord is with us and will give us divine strength, Isaiah 41:10.
 - b) Through faith in the promises and realities in the Word of God, we are able to overcome all fear, Heb 11:27
 - c) We never need to live in fear of any person, Heb 13:6; Psa 56:3.
 - d) We never need to fear because God is always in control and will never allow more pressure than we can handle, 1 Cor 10:13; Philip 4:13; Psa 112:7
 - e) Since God has already taken care of our greatest needs, we never need to fear that He will ever withhold our fewer needs, Rom 8:30-32.
 - f) God raises up spiritual leaders to teach His people the Word of God, so they will not live in fear, Jer 23:4; Eph 4:11-16.
 - g) What makes fear so sinful is that it is nothing short of lack of faith and trust in God, Romans 14:23; Matt 14:30-31.
 - h) The issue is to move out of the fear and anxiety of human viewpoint through biblical faith (divine viewpoint), Psa 23; 56; Mt 6:25; Philip 4:19; Jn 14:1; Heb 2:14-15; 2 Cor. 4:18.
 - i) God repeatedly promises to take care of the believer, Isa 35:4; Deut 20:1; Neh 4:14; Josh 1:9; Luke 12:24; Heb 13:6.
 - j) Fear can only be a blessing if it really drives you to the Lord, Psalm 34:4; Heb 13:6.
4. There are only two directions in life: reversionism and supergrace.
 - a) Reversionism is all about spiritual deterioration and degeneration that takes place as a result of being negative to WOG/POG.
 - b) Supergrace is all about spiritual edification: grace orientation (1 Cor 15:10), mastery of the details of life (Eph 3:14-16), spiritual love and personal love (Eph 3:17-18), and maximum happiness in life, Eph 3:20; Psa 23:5; Isa 30:18.
5. Reversionism is all about being negative = refusal!
 - a) Refusal to place yourself under the authority of Bible teaching, Heb 13:7, 17; Gal 6:6.
 - b) Refusal to transfer the gnosis of BD to epignosis, Heb 4:2.

- c) Refusal to appropriate the promises of the WOG, 2 Pet 1:4; 2 Cor 7:1.
 - d) Refusal to confess known sins, Psa 32:1-5.
 - e) Refusal to live by God the Holy Spirit, Eph 4:30; 1 Thess 5:19.
 - f) Refusal to be consistent/faithful to all Bible teaching, 2 Sam 12:9.
 - g) Refusal to put doctrine before the DOL, Mt 4:4.
 - h) Refusal to allow BD to be the criterion of your worldview.
 - i) Refusal of BD eventually leads to incapacity to receive Truth, Jn 8:43-45; Jn 12:37-40; Rom 11:7-8; 2 Thess 2:10-11; Rom 1:18-32; 2 Cor 3:14-16; 4:3-4; Eph 3:16ff.
 - j) Refusal of BD leads to acceptance of doctrines of demons (human viewpoint), 1 Tim 4:1; Mt 7:22-23.
 - k) Refusal of BD leads to enslavement of kosmos diabolicus and the destruction of personal love for God, His values, and the POG, 1 Jn 2:15-16; Rom 12:3; 2 Jn 8-9; Eph 4:18-19, .
 - l) Refusal of laws of DE on the part of unbelievers leads to national reversionism—breakdown in integrity among the citizens, politicians, as well as the clergy, Jer 6:13-14; Eze 13:10-16;
 - m) Refusal of God's priorities.
 - n) In rever the quality of your life is diminished.
 - o) In rever you lose the understanding of the purpose of your life.
 - p) In reversionism you lose a sense of the meaning of your life.
 - q) In reversionism you have wrong priorities.
6. It is critical to live one day at a time—for the Lord, Js 4:14, Eph 5:16.
7. We are but a “vapor,” and we cannot afford to waste a single day, Js 4:14.
8. All true promotions and blessings in life come from God.

B. Jonathan, the Pattern of True Friendship.

1. There are 4 generally recognized categories of friends.
 - a) Acquaintance.
 - b) Casual friend.
 - c) Close friend.
 - d) Intimate friend.
2. Pseudo-friends vs. a true friend.
 - a) Pseudo-friends are “friends” solely based mutual pleasure.
 - b) Pseudo-friends are “friends” solely based on utility.
 - c) True friendship (*teleia philia*, completed/perfected friendship) are friends based on and grounded in virtue/*arete*.
3. The friendship between Jonathan and David was a fantastic blessing until each moved into reversionism.