

## LIFE OF DAVID (74)

### David's Deep Reversionism, Feigned Insanity, and Grace Recovery



# Preparation for Bible Class

## God's Twofold Will for Every Person

**1 Timothy 2:1** First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all men <sup>1</sup> to be saved (σωθῆναι) and <sup>2</sup> to come to the full experiential knowledge of the truth (ἐλθεῖν εἰς ἐπίγνωσιν ἀληθείας).

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## Salvation, Fellowship, and Growth in Christ, The Rest Giver

**Matthew 11:28** "Come to Me (Δεῦτε πρὸς με), all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest (ἀναπαύσω). <sup>29</sup> "Take My yoke upon you, and learn (μάθετε) from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest (ἀνάπαυσιν) for your souls. <sup>30</sup> "For My yoke is ~~easy~~ excellent (χρηστός), and My load is light. (ἐλαφρόν)"

- ✓ Note the penetrating compassion and majesty of the TLJC to "all"
- ✓ Note the active and passive aspects of man's evil and misery
- ✓ Coming is the act of salvation by *personal* faith alone in Christ alone
- ✓ The rest of salvation is only possible in faith
- ✓ Take My Yoke refers fellowship with and growth in JC---fellowship matured
- ✓ The rest of fellowship (CCL) is only possible by setting aside our self-wills
- ✓ Learn of Me is a process that leads to and is perfected in maturity
- ✓ Rest: peace, confidence, absence of uncertainty, fear, & anxiety

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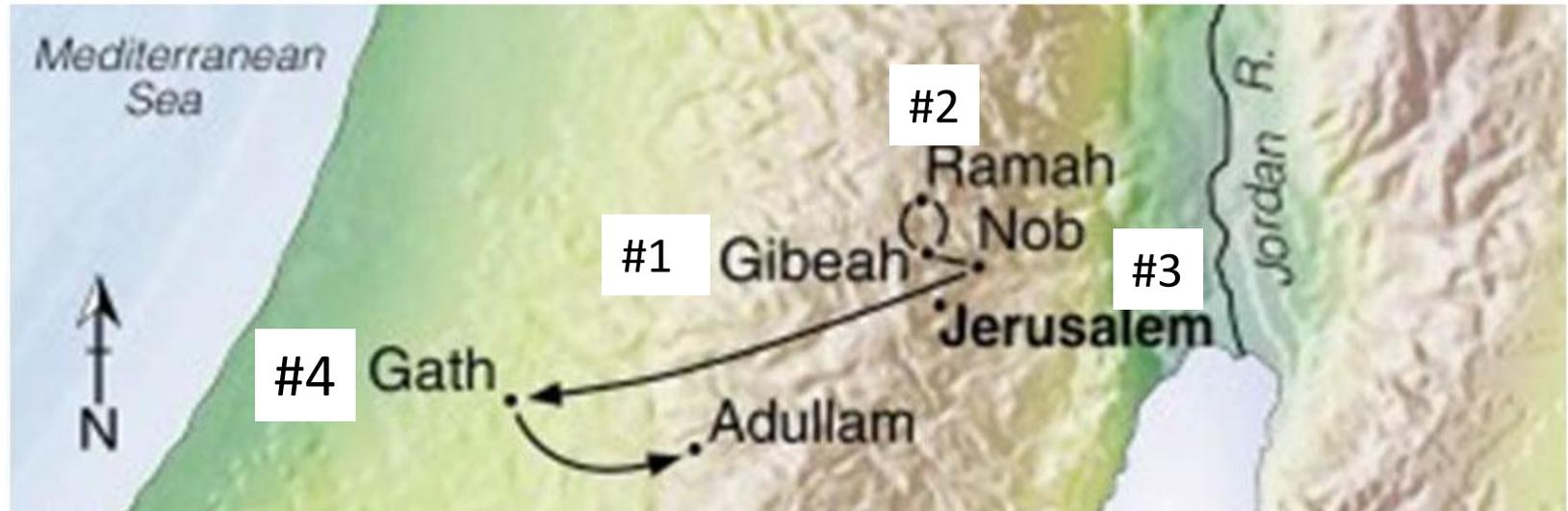
## Spiritual Maturity

**Philippians 4:11** Not that I speak from want; for I have learned (ἔμαθον) to be content (αὐτάρκης) in whatever circumstances (οἷς) I am. <sup>12</sup> I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret (μεμύημαι) of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ [NASB omits “Christ” due to bad MSS choice] who strengthens me (ἐνδυναμοῦντί με).

- ✓ It is in maturity that we learn to be content in all things.
- ✓ It is the tests of life handled through BD that are designed to be stepping stones to get us to the place of maturity and contentment – maximum happiness in life, cf. Js 1:1-4.

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**1 Samuel 21:10** Then [after leaving the city of Nob] David arose and fled that day from Saul, and went to Achish king of Gath.



**#1 David serves Saul at Gibeah. Rev Saul persecutes David.**

**#2 David flees to Ramah, the home of Samuel and the school of prophets.**

**#3 David flees to Nob. Massacre at Nob.**

**#4 David flees to Gath, the hometown of Goliath. Sinks deep in reversionism as indicated by slobbering and pretending to be mad. David *finally* recovers from reversionism as per Psalm 34.**

**1 Sam 21:10**, Then [after leaving the city of Nob] David arose and fled that day from Saul, and went to Achish king of Gath.

1. Every believer must learn that he cannot run from his problems. He must learn how to handle the problems of life through the power of God the Holy Spirit and BD. The solution is always BD. David's problems with Saul will now become his problems with Achish. The solution to problems is change in the soul as per the spiritual life. The believer cannot run from his own soul.
2. The root problem for every reversionist is in his soul with respect to his relationship with God. In rev God and the POG are no longer a priority in the life. Some distraction has taken him away from POG.
3. God provides a solution to every problem the believer faces, but the believer must first desire God's solution to the problem. When the Lord brings in a solution, it is the right one. The problem with the rev is that his negative volition does not want God's solution.

4. A common problem and source of misery among some believers is that they do not want God's solution to their problems. Instead, they desire a solution that appeals to their OSHGEN rather than the Spirit of God. The OSHGEN is a major spoiler of life (creates all kinds of addictions, i.e. approbation lusts, self-centeredness, arrogance, attention craving). Remember that we do not have to live under OSHGEN. As far as its power, it has been crucified and buried (Rom 6). God is not in the business of improving it. We are new creatures with a new essence, new power, and new assets. We are designed to advance and live in SG thereby becoming trophies of His grace
5. The reason a carnal or reversionistic believer does not desire God's solution is because it puts the responsibility on him to do right thing---get back to BD and the SL. Because his viewpoint has become perverted due to rejection of Bible doctrine, he does not care about the right thing anymore. He rejects God's viewpoint, BD, either directly or apathetically.

6. If the Word of God is not important to you, then Jesus Christ really is not very important to you either. Every believer needs to check his priorities and see what really is his idea of supreme goodness.
- ✓ **John 14:21** "He who has My commandments and keeps (τηρῶν) them, he it is who loves Me; and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him, and will disclose Myself to him."
  - ✓ **John 14:23** Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep (τηρήσει) My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him. <sup>24</sup> "He who does not love Me does not keep (τηρεῖ) My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me."
7. As the negative believer progresses in reversionism, his values in life become increasingly inverted:
- ✓ **Isaiah 5:20**, *Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Cf. Saul.*

**1 Samuel 21:11** But the servants of Achish said to him, "Is this not David the king of the land? Did they not sing of this one as they danced, saying, 'Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands '?"

1. When a believer is in reversionism, others around him are often more aware of God's will for his life than he is---because in reversionism you lose common sense, wisdom, and a personal sense of destiny
2. Only through spiritual growth can the believer move into a real sense of personal destiny where he lives in the realities of the answers to such questions as "why am I here and for what have I been created?" In PSD the believer moves into real *personal* aspects of the POG and into those divinely designed personal niche areas. Reflect on how DOL and the SCL can really disorient the believer to POG. God's purpose can never be discovered by starting with self.
3. It is in personal sense of destiny that the believer moves into the grand reality of the meaning of his life, and what he should do with his life.

4. With a PSD the believer realizes that it was God who chose everything about him (IQ, race, gender, parents, financial status, time in history), and that God has a unique purpose for it all. You would not be here apart from POG.
- ✓ ***Ephesians 1:4*** just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.
  - ✓ ***Eph 2:10*** For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
  - ✓ ***Hebrews 12:1*** Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,
  - ✓ ***Acts 17:26*** and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

5. With PSD, the believer avoids attacking the wisdom or sovereignty of God and consequently avoids feeling sorry for self and moving into victimology. He also avoids moving into the standards of kosmos diabolicus. Those who continue to blame their failures on others (e.g. abused as a child) often do so because it is easier than taking responsibility for their own lives.
  
6. With PSD the believer recognizes that God has a calling on his life in all that he does as a spouse, child, parent, grandparent, citizen, believer of a local church,
  - ✓ **Ephesians 6:6** not by way of eyeservice (ὀφθαλμοδοσίαν), as men-pleasers (ἄνθρωπάρεσκοι), but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.
  
7. With PSD, the believer lives in light of eternity, his ultimate destiny.
  - ✓ **Colossians 3:1** If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
  
  - ✓ **Psalms 90:12** So teach us to number our days, That we may present to Thee a heart of wisdom.

8. When the believer loses his sense of destiny, his life begins to lose meaning, purpose and definition---he loses God's grand vision for his life; he loses that eternal vantage point. He then defaults into FSH and meaning.
9. Apart from developing a PSD, the believer is never able to connect the dots in his life or put together all of the pieces of the puzzle together regarding God's special purpose for his life. Apart from PSD, the believer loses any sense of God's journey for his life as a whole.

10. Eternal PSD provides blessing in time and in eternity.
- ✓ 1 Tim 4: 8, for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and *also* for the *life* to come.
  - ✓ **Revelation 19:7** "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." <sup>8</sup> And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright *and* clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.
  - ✓ **1 John 2:28** And now, little children, abide in Him, so that when He appears, we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming.
  - ✓ **Ephesians 5:16** Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

11. Failure to develop and orient to a PSD will result in the believer living for the DOL just like his pagan neighbors,

- ✓ **Matthew 6:32** "For all these things the Gentiles eagerly seek; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup> "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.
- ✓ **1 John 2:14-15**, Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

12. Only through PSD can the believer really be faithful.

- ✓ **Luke 19:17** "And he said to him, 'Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, be in authority over ten cities.'
- ✓ **Colossians 3:23** Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men; <sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.

- ✓ **Revelation 3:21** 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.
  
- ✓ **2 Tim 4:6-8**, For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; <sup>8</sup> in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.
  
- ✓ **James 1:12** Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which *the Lord* has promised to those who love Him.

**1 Samuel 21:12** And David took these words to heart, and greatly (ἄλλῃ) feared Achish king of Gath.

1. Fear and anxiety are signs of reversionism. Fear is a sign of disorientation to the POG. All reversionists live in some type of fear due to darkness in the soul which is always caused by lack of a robust spiritual life.
2. In reversionism, the believer will often move from one type of fear to another. David moved from fear of Saul to fear of Achish. The only solution for David is to get back to his relationship with God---which he will do (see Psa 34).
3. There is no reason for any believer to fear death
  - ✓ **Hebrews 2:15** and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.
  - ✓ **Philippians 1:23** But I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better;

**1 Samuel 21:13-15** So he disguised his sanity before them, and acted insanelly in their hands, and scribbled on the doors of the gate, and let his saliva run down into his beard. Then Achish said to his servants, "Behold, you see the man behaving as a madman. Why do you bring him to me? "Do I lack madmen, that you have brought this one to act the madman in my presence? Shall this one come into my house?"

1. This is David's lowest and darkest hour---all because of reversionism. David is going to fake being ill to solve this problem (cf. isagogics). Just as his fabrication of lies caused the destruction of the city of Nob, so his feigning madness will have tremendous repercussions.
2. Believers in rev often feign illness and inabilities to get attention and avoid responsibilities. They generally are not as sick as they claim.

# Psalm 34 – David's MA Dynamics in Rev Recovery

**Psalm 34:1** *A Psalm of David when he feigned madness before Abimelech, who drove him away and he departed.* I Will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

- David's love and recognition of the supreme goodness of God
- Cat 1 love: what we think about God is the most important thing
- All of the Word of God was written to develop love for God,
  - **Matthew 22:37** *And He said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'* <sup>38</sup> *"This is the great and foremost commandment. <sup>39</sup> "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'* <sup>40</sup> *"On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."*

**Psalm 34:2** My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; The humble shall hear it and rejoice.

- Boasting in the Lord requires capacity for God (#1 priority) and life.
- Humility is all about orientation to the grace of God.
- The need for enforced humility before gaining genuine humility
- Humility is a prerequisite for supergrace, Js 4:6.

**Psalm 34:3** O magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together

- Only the supergrace believer can really assign greatness to God. He truly recognizes that God is the source of all blessings – total GO.

**Psalm 34:4** I sought the LORD, and He answered me, And delivered me from all my fears.

- Even in reversionism the Lord is always there for deliverance. God can deliver one from reversionism.

**Psalm 34:5-6** They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried and the LORD heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles.

- Likely, this was David's point of recovery---tired of the rev mess.

**Psalm 34:7** The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, And rescues them.

- This is the pre-incarnate Jesus Christ, a Christophany. At the lowest point of his life, Christ came to him just as He came to Adam, Cain, Abraham, Jacob, Joshua, Isaiah. Christ will pull David out of rev and take him to the heights of SG with phenomenal SG blessings. All David had to do was to turn to Him.
- It was none other than LJC who saved David from his despicable condition.

**Psalm 34:8** O taste and see that the LORD is good; How blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

- The spiritual life fueled by fellowship (eating) and BD (food).
- Orientation to the supreme goodness of God.

**Psalm 34:9** O fear the LORD, you His saints; For to those who fear Him, there is no want.

- The importance of respect/fear before there can ever be any recovery from reversionism. In reversionism the believer loses all respect for God and His Word.

**Psalm 34:10** The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; But they who seek the LORD shall not be in want of any good thing.

1. The young lions represent strong self-willed rev people who depend on their own strength. The point is that there is no true satisfaction or success ever to be won by this way of fighting and struggling and devouring. The world's goods will never fill the soul. Living for KD will destroy your SL, your marriage, your family, and finally you.
- ✓ **Ecclesiastes 5:10** He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance *with its* income. This too is vanity.

2. In contrast to the powerful self-will ones, there are those who truly seek the Lord (F-Ship/BD). Note the wonderful promise. Seeking requires desire + BD---living our lives before Him.
3. There is only one kind of seeking in life that is never in vain, no effort wasted, no desire unaccomplished.
  - ✓ **Acts 17:26** and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, <sup>27</sup> that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;
  - ✓ **Proverbs 8:17** "I love those who love me; And those who diligently seek me will find me.
  - ✓ **Jeremiah 29:13** 'And you will seek Me and find *Me*, when you search for Me with all your heart.

4. “Shall not want.” The believer who seeks God first will find everything in God. Consider David’s confidence. Everything is good when God is in them, and when they are ours in God. Nothing is good apart from God. Whatever is our need, God will supply it all. David’s transformation was only possible through Grace Recovery.
  
5. If we seek Him first, He will take care of the rest. First things first!
  - Mt **6:33** "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.
  
  - Psa **73:25** Whom have I in heaven *but Thee*? And besides Thee, I desire nothing on earth.

**Psalm 34:11** Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

- ✓ The importance of respect for God to recover from rev.
- ✓ The importance of teaching children respect for God through BD.
- ✓ The importance of respect in any relationship.

**Psalm 34:12** Who is the man who desires life, And loves *length of* days that he may see good?

- ✓ This speaks of enjoying life. David remembers the wonderful life he had when he was with the Lord. He realizes just how miserable rev is. The only people who are not in some FSH are those who find contentment in God because He is their supreme goodness.
- ✓ Those who have capacity for God have the cup into which God can pour the most fantastic blessings.

**Psalm 34:13** Keep your tongue from evil, And your lips from speaking deceit.

- ✓ David and Doeg and SOT.
- ✓ Habitual SOT = sign of reversionism.
- ✓ Note how KD is filled with lies, backbiting, cutting, SR.

**Psalm 34:14** Depart from evil, and do good; Seek peace, and pursue it.

- ✓ Reversion is the life of evil.
- ✓ Seeking peace = fellowship and growth in God

**Psalm 34:15** The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous, And His ears are *open* to their cry.

**Psalm 34:16** The face of the LORD is against evildoers, To cut off the memory of them from the earth.

**Psalm 34:17** *The righteous cry and the LORD hears, And delivers them out of all their troubles.*

**Psalm 34:18** The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

**Psalm 34:19-20** Many are the afflictions of the righteous; But the LORD delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; Not one of them is broken.

**Psalm 34:21** Evil shall slay the wicked; And those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

**Psalm 34:22** The LORD redeems the soul of His servants; And none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.