

WILD THOUGHTS

A STUDY IN THE LIFE OF KING DAVID

FROM THE SHEEP FIELDS TO THE KING'S PALACE

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Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

THE ENEMY OF YOUR MIND IS THE DEVIL

1 Samuel 17:57-58; 18:1-9

As soon as David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with David still holding the Philistine's head.

"Whose son are you, young man?" Saul asked him.

David said, "I am the son of your servant Jesse of Bethlehem."

After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the troops, and Saul's officers as well.

When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres. As they danced, they sang:

"Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands."

Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David.

Proverbs 16:5, 18

The Lord detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished.

¹⁸ Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

Romans 12:16

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

DAVID HAD BEEN RAISED IN OBSCURITY

1 Samuel 16:10-12

Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

WHOEVER YOU SERVE IN OBSCURITY YOU WILL CELEBRATE IN THE MIDST OF YOUR POPULARITY

DAVID WAS MOST COMFORTABLE IN SOLITUDE AND QUIETNESS

Psalms 23:1-3

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Psalms 5:3

In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

DAVID CAME TO THE PALACE FROM THE SHEEP FIELDS ONLY TO SERVE THE DESIRES OF THE KING

1 Samuel 16:21-22

David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers. Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, "Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him."