CHARACTERISTICS OF A MAN USED BY GOD:

A. THE COMPARISON -

1) Saul and David were both chosen for leadership and both were anointed by the Spirit of God -

a) Saul -

b) David -

B. THE DECLINE OF SAUL -

1) how possible?

2) Sin against God -

Others -

Self -

a) Unfaithfulness

b) Impatience

c) Presumption

d) Selfishness -

e) Disobedience -

f) Hypocrisy -

3) Neglect of Godly virtues

a) Humility

b) Attendance to Word

c) Presence/leading of Holy Spirit

d) Obedience

e) Self-control

C. THE ROOT OF RUIN

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LESSON II

I Samuel 16 and 17

A. CONTRARY TO HUMAN REASON

1) Look not on his countenance

2) The youngest yet remaineth

a) Youngest

b) Seven sons

B. HEAVENLY RECONGITION

1) Inward before outward

C. DEPENDABLE

1) Diligent

2) Conscientious

3) Obedient

D. A CONQUEROR

1) Vision

2) Attitude

3) Preparation

4) 3 victories

a) Over Eliab

b) Over Saul

c) Over Goliath

B. Heavenly Recognition I Sam. 16:12,13

1) Inward before outward

Vs. 5 - Entire Jesse family need to be sanctified
David did not - walked/lived set apart for God
Public anointing was outcome of private fellowship
V. 19, 17:15 - Returned to herding sheep - Remained faithful -
the calling is not always the sending.

C. Dependable - 17:17-20

Not those who talk but walk

1) Diligent - (prompt, energetic)

V. 20 - "rose up early" - Future king - still with sheep and now errand boy
Diligence is not natural must be learned, discipline
Gen. 22 - Prov. 10:4 - 12:24 - 13:4 - 18:8 - 21:5 - 27:23,24
Heb. 6:11,12, 11:6 - II Pet. 1:5

2) Conscientious - v. 20 - "Left sheep with keeper"
Not how much you start but how much you finish.
Not how much you do but what you do
Service in one area never allows neglect in another.

3) Obedient - v. 20 "took and went" - Request promptly carried out -
Disobedience to earthly is carried into spiritual
Example - stop signs - speeding Isa. 1:19 - Deut 28:1

D. A conqueror
1) Vision, v. 24,24,22,32 Pr. 29:18
Israel saw only enemy and themselves Num 13:30-33 - Deut 31:6,8
Lost sight of God - How is your view?
2) Attitude - v. 25,26
Directly related to vision. - David's question - Why reward for little task?
Learn to view as God does - Attacks are opportunities to manifest victory.
3) Preparation - 33-37
First is heart preparation through word and communion
Lions & bears before Giants - Step by step - precept by precept
Results - a) confident experience of yesterday to encourage
b) settled faith for today
c) deep assurance for tomorrow
Included in preparation is heart clean up - II Tim. 2:19-21 - II Cor. 7:1
4) 3 victories - Time of battle reveals what was done during time of rest
Victory in battle is not spontaneous but well planned and prepared for.

a) Over Eliab - v. 28-30 (the tongue) First attack from brother -
Eliab characterized the God inspired confidence and courage as carnal
pride & arrogance - David turned away - had control of his tongue -
Conquered natural inclination to retaliate - Had no need to justify and
defend. i.e. Pride James 1:26,3:2-12; Prov. 10:19;13:3; 17:27;18:6,7;
21:23 - Careless talk cost lives - WW II poster - Enemy is listening.

b) Over Saul - v. 32,33,37,38,39 (the flesh)
Responsible source of information - Saul - Do not live by facts (fear)
but by faith (faith) - Saul spoke a blessing but adds an earthly wisdom-
Before David knew it he was putting the armor on himself - the tendency
of unrenewed mind. - Can't fight "god of flesh" with flesh or with worldly
weapons. Must use spiritual weapons. flesh must be put off. - Col. 3:7-14

c) Over Goliath - v. 40-47 (the devil) a & b are prerequisite to c
Methods and specific scripture may vary but always by grace through faith
in Word.
V. 45 - you come with carnal weapons, I come in (not with) the name of the
God of heaven/earth - Name in scripture more than label or title. It is a
revelation of some spiritual or physical peculiarity in which the owner
differed from others or the name spoke of a special gift.
- Example - Abraham, Agag
- Ex. 33:18,19, 34:5-7
"Name" works for those who identify with it and are submitted to it.
Acts 19:13-17
"Name" not a "majic" formula or "open sesame".

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LESSON VI

I SAMUEL 18:1-4

A. DAVID'S RELATIONSHIP WITH JONATHAN

1) Knit together

2) What hinders a relationship?

3) What prospers a relationship?

a) Proper estimation

b) Unselfishness

B. DAVID'S PRAISE CONCERNING UNITY

Psalm 133:1-3

1) Behold -

Dwell

Unity-

2) Precious ointment -

Ran down -

Aaron -

It is like -

3) Hermon, Zion -

Dew-

For there the Lord commanded

C. REFERENCES

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I SAMUEL 18 and 19

A. DAVID BEHAVED HIMSELF WISELY

1) Obedience and service 18:5

2) All His ways 18:13

a) Wisdom's effect v. 15,30

3) Words of wisdom

a) Proverbs 4:1-7

b) Proverbs 13:10

c) Proverbs 2822

d) I Corinthians 1:30

e) Colossians 4:5

f) James 1:5

B. DAVID PERSECUTED

1) "Dake" records 21 attempts on David's life

2) The decline of Saul -
16:21,22; 18:5,9,11,13,29; 19:10,11

3) Psalm 59

a) David's only hope v 1,2

b) The unjustified persecution v. 3,4

c) Left vengeance to God v. 5-15

d) David's song of victory v. 16,17

4) New Testament view of persecution

a) Matthew 5:10-12

b) John 15:18-21

c) II Timothy 3:12,11

d) I Peter 2:19-23,4:12-19

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