



2 Chronicles 29:26-30

Goodbye David Wednesday, July 18, 2007



One of the harder things in life are heartfelt goodbyes

- **Imagine the college roommates** – who at the end of there schooling are saying goodbye.
 - Will see each other again – never same
- **Imagine the parents and child** – moving away
 - Will see each other...but never the same
 - The daily, consistent...over

Odd, I suppose – but that is how I feel today

- Saying goodbye to David – our study on
- We have been in – for year and a half
- This is our 62nd study in life of David
- David has always been an example for me
 - But now more – a friend, love him, fellow brother in the Lord
- I have admired and be challenged by his heart
- I have been scared and fearful of his failures

Ask you understanding – if today a little nostalgic

- May mean a lot more to me...hope good for you

Remind you – why we have studied this man

- **First, and foremost – led by God here**
- **Second – huge in scripture – 62 chapters**
 - Plus 73-75 Psalms
 - Mentioned 1140 times
- **Third – God singles him out**
 - Title: A Man after God's Own Heart
 - Wow...what a title
 - You know what it means right?
 - Picture if talking about considering someone who has your interests: sports, gardening, etc

Lets review David's life – the 62 studies we have done

Then....lets see if we can't sum up his example to us

I. David's Life in Review

1. David's Early life: 1-20 (Studies 1-6)
2. David's Desert Years: 20-30 (Studies 7-19)
3. David's Hebron Years: 31-37 (Studies 20-23)
4. David's Glory Years: 38- (Studies 24-34)
5. David's Difficult Years: 50? – (Studies 35-49)
6. David's Closing Years: - 70 (Studies 50-62)
7. As review David's life – see summary 1 Chr 29:26-30
8. Find myself wondering what has stuck thru all that
 - a. Of course – remind you – can go back and listen

What is it in all that that causes this man to stick out so much, that causes God to record so much about him?

II. Example of a Real Person after God

1. Sadly, most known about David is his failings
2. David was a man with clay feet – weak, stumbling
 - a. At least twice tried to run away from God, plan
 - b. Struggling with self will...Naboth
 - c. Following worlds ways at times – Ark
 - d. Bathsheba – Absalom - Numbering Israel
 - e. Dealings with Joab...bitterness at the end
3. Said last week – let me say it again
 - a. Honestly – at first look – it is a disappointment
 - b. Yet – I believe is here as an encouragement
 - i) You are imperfect – if I listed your failures....
 - ii) Meant to be a message of hope and reality
 - c. Not meant to be an excuse to sin

III. Example of a Person in the Will of God

1. **This is how Acts describes him – Acts 13:36**
2. **Have to see first – the wonder of God – sovereign**
 - a. Can't look at David and see a self made man
 - b. Can't look at a 10 step course to being king
 - c. See God – worked, molding, shaping, leading
3. **Secondly – a man surrendered to it – God's will**
 - a. This is perhaps the main key – **Acts 13:22**
 - b. You could say this dozens of ways, terms – surrender, submission, obedience
 - c. But simply this is the secret of the Christian life
 - d. David's life shows us God forming this
 - e. All of David's stumbles were opposed to this
4. **David uses David as a measuring stick from here**
 - a. A practical real life example – comparison
 - b. 1 King 9:4-5; 11:6; 14:7-8; 14:1-3; 15:11; 18:1-3; 2 Ch 34:2**
 - c. For God to do this – shows we can have what David had
 - d. This is not a parent comparing two kids–asking impossible
 - i) God would never ask of you what you can't be.
God's will for you–is precise, possible & good.
 - e. David wanted, asked for it often – **Ps 143:10**

IV. Example of Passionate Pursuit of God

1. In one sense – just a subset of previous thought

- a. The will of God – points us to this
- b. To obey God, to follow His word—is to pursue God
- c. Jesus said you search the scriptures, and in them you think you have life, but these testify of Me

2. David understood – and pursued God

a. See it in his Psalms

- i) Ps 27:4, 42:1-2; 63:1
- ii) This is what he did with his heart, soul

b. See it in his life and actions

- i) What he did with his strength – Ark, temple
- ii) What he did with his mind – to all, Solomon
- iii) Think of encounter with Michal

3. This is one of those heart beats of the Bible

- a. Moses, David, Mary, Paul – got it- heart of it

Conclusion

As we end David's life

- I am wondering what it meant to you
- What you took from this life

Wonder if God is talking to you, like did to Solomon

- 1 Ki 9:4-5 – if like David...blessed

As God compares your life – will you be like David

- Unlike Jeroboam 1 King 14:7-8
- But like Josiah (Asa, Hezekiah) 2 Ch 34:2

Gospel

Quoted to you from Acts 13 several times

- Gist of rest of message
- Through David – to him – promise of Christ
- For David – it is his greatest glory
- Jesus was crucified...but God raised Him
- Given the sure mercies of David
- Not David – but Christ – forgiveness offered