

**Agape House of Worship**  
**Wednesday Bible Study - Wednesday, August 6, 2025**

**Study Series: A Man After God's Own Heart**  
**Scripture: 2 Samuel 23:1–7; Acts 13:22**

**Part 12: David's Final Words and Legacy**  
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*Acts 13:22* “After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’ (NIV)

David: A Man After God's Own Heart (A 12-Week Study)		
Part 1	Introduction to David: God Chooses David	1 Samuel 16:1–13
Part 2	Trusting God in the Face of Giants: David and Goliath	1 Samuel 17:1–51
Part 3	Friendship and Loyalty: David and Jonathan	1 Samuel 18:1–4; 20:1–42
Part 4	Saul's Jealousy of David: Responding to Jealousy	1 Samuel 18:5–16; 19:1–10
Part 5	David Spares Saul's Life: Waiting on God's Timing	1 Samuel 24:1–22
Part 6	David's Psalms in the Cave: Worshiping God in the Wilderness	Psalms 57; Psalm 142
Part 7	David Crowned King: Becoming King	2 Samuel 5:1–12
Part 8	David's Worship and Celebration: Bringing the Ark to Jerusalem	2 Samuel 6:1–23
Part 9	The Davidic Covenant: God's Covenant with David	2 Samuel 7:1–29
Part 10	David and Bathsheba: When Kings Fall	2 Samuel 11:1–27
Part 11	David's Repentance: A Repentant Heart	Psalms 51
Part 12	David's Final Words and Legacy: David's Legacy	2 Samuel 23:1–7; Acts 13:22

## I. Background Summary of the Passage

As we conclude this 12-week series on the life of David, we will reflect on David's final recorded words and explore how his life—despite flaws and failures—was one marked by devotion to God, a legacy of leadership, and faithfulness to the end. This passage contains what is described as the last words of David, functioning as a poetic and prophetic reflection on his kingship and God's covenant with him.

While David continued to speak after this point (e.g., 1 Kings 2), this passage serves as his final public declaration about his divine calling and understanding of leadership under God's authority. The passage reflects David's awareness of his role as God's anointed, his commitment to righteous leadership, and his unwavering trust in God's covenant—even as he acknowledges human failure. We will study the passage section by section.

## II. Passage Breakdown and Study

### 1. David's Identity and Calling (verse 1)

*“Now these are the last words of David. Thus says David the son of Jesse; Thus says the man raised up on high, The anointed of the God of Jacob, And the sweet psalmist of Israel”*

David introduces himself with four key titles:

- Son of Jesse (humble origin)
- Raised up on high (divine exaltation)
- Anointed of the God of Jacob (divine appointment)
- the sweet psalmist of Israel (spiritual gifts and influence)

### Discussion Questions:

- What do you make of David's introduction of himself?*
- Why is it significant that he identifies himself as both king and worshiper?*

### 2. The Ideal of Righteous Leadership (verses 2–4)

*“The Spirit of the Lord spoke by me, And His word was on my tongue. 3 The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me: He who rules over men must be just, Ruling in the fear of God. 4 And he shall be like the light of the morning when the sun rises, A morning without clouds, Like the tender grass springing out of the earth, By clear shining after rain.”*

- This passage is about spirit-led leadership, righteousness, justice and fear of God.
- David reflects on his leadership principles based on God's instruction. He acknowledges that true leadership is from God and should reflect God's justice and reverence.
- He also describes the impact of righteous leadership using imagery of light (sunrise, morning light) to describe the refreshing and life-giving impact of righteous leadership.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- What does it mean for leadership to be guided by the fear of God?*
- How can we apply the principle of righteous leadership in our homes, churches, and communities?*

### **3. God's Covenant with David (verse 5)**

*"Although my house is not so with God, Yet He has made with me an everlasting covenant, Ordered in all things and secure. For this is all my salvation and all my desire; Will He not make it increase?"*

- This passage is about covenant faithfulness, divine security, and eternal perspective
- David reflects on the unconditional covenant God made with him (2 Sam. 7), showing his confidence in God's promises despite personal failures.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- What can we learn about David's relationship with God and his understanding of God's grace and mercy from this passage?*
- What does this teach us about God's faithfulness in our own lives especially when we feel we have fallen short?*

### **4. The Fate of the Wicked (verses 6–7)**

*"But the sons of rebellion shall all be as thorns thrust away, Because they cannot be taken with hands. 7 But the man who touches them Must be armed with iron and the shaft of a spear, And they shall be utterly burned with fire in their place."*

- This passage is about divine justice, separation, and judgment.
- Here, David contrasts the hope and legacy of the righteous with the ultimate fate of the wicked—useless and destined for destruction.
- This is a reminder to us that God's justice will prevail in the end.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- Why do you think David ends with a reflection on the wicked?*
- Do you think this is relevant to us today?*

## **III. Key Takeaways**

1. **David's legacy is not perfection but devotion and grace.** His identity was rooted in God's calling and grace. This is especially true of us under the New Covenant.
2. **Faithfulness to the end matters.** David held fast to God's covenant even in old age.
3. **Leadership under God is a sacred trust.** David viewed leadership (kingship) through the lens of divine responsibility. This is a great lesson for leaders today.
4. **God's covenant sustains us beyond our failures.** David's confidence was in God's everlasting promise. This is especially true for us, we have a better covenant in Christ Jesus, and we are sustained by His covenant.
5. **There is a legacy in how we finish.** David's last words show what he valued most: God's presence, promise, and purpose.

## **IV. Conclusion and Reflection**

- Looking back over David's life, what stands out to you the most about his journey with God?
- What kind of legacy are you building with your life today?
- In what areas can you commit to greater faithfulness as you finish your own race well?