



DAVID

WEEK 5

1 Samuel 16:1-13 & 2 Samuel 7:1-28

CHARACTERS:



ADONAI ELOHIM / GOD

WHO: The creator and ruler of the universe and source of all authority and life; the supreme being.

PERSONALITY: Loving, awesome, Holy, The best Father imaginable...but even better.

PHYSICALITY: God is Spirit, though One God, He exists in three persons; Father-Adonai, Son-Jesus/Yeshua, Holy Spirit/Ruach Ha-Kodesh

MISSION: To have a family who chooses to love and obey Him.

OBSTACLE:



YOUNG DAVID

WHO: David was the eighth and youngest son of Jesse from the kingly tribe of Judah. David began his life as a shepherd in Bethlehem. One day, the prophet Samuel called him out of the field and anointed him without the knowledge of the current king, Saul. David simply returned to his sheep. His first interaction with Saul came when the king was looking for someone to play music for him, and the king's attendant summoned the skilled David to play for him.

PERSONALITY: Passionate, Loyal, Strong, Full of faith, Tender before God.

PHYSICALITY: Youthful

MISSION: To defeat the accuser of Israel, Goliath.

OBSTACLE: Goliath, and others unbelief.



KING DAVID

WHO: The great warrior King who fought off Israel's enemies and brought peace. He united the divided tribes of Israel under his leadership. He had a strong relationship with God. He desired to build a house for God. He had a son named Solomon who became King after him who God allowed to build the Temple that David had planned and given provisions for.

PERSONALITY: Passionate, Loyal, Strong, Full of faith, Tender before God. **PHYSICALITY:** Strong and Handsome

MISSION: To destroy all the enemies of Israel and to build a house for God.

OBSTACLE: God did not allow David to build it because of his years at war. David's affair with another man's wife.



SAMUEL

WHO: Son of Elkanah and Hannah, Samuel was born in answer to his mother's prayers. As a child he was placed in the care of Eli, high priest at the tabernacle at Shilo. The Lord called Samuel at a young age to become a prophet. After Eli's death, Samuel became the great prophet and judge of Israel and restored law, order, and regular religious worship in the land. He anointed Saul as King, but after God rejected Saul because of his rebellion, Saul anoints the young David to be the next King.

PERSONALITY: Wise, Ear to hear what the Spirit of God says. Obeys **PHYSICALITY:** Older, but walks powerfully.

MISSION: To make sure that Israel walks in unity and holiness before God starting with the King. **OBSTACLE:** Saul's wickedness.



JESSIE

WHO: (wealthy), the father of David and seven other boys, was the son of Obed, who was the fruit of the union of Boaz and the Moabitess Ruth. His great-grandmother was Rahab the Canaanite, of Jericho. Was esteemed in the community.

PERSONALITY: Serious.

PHYSICALITY: Thin, Quick.

MISSION: To take care of his family and their futures. **OBSTACLE:** War. Goliath.



NATHAN

WHO: he was a court prophet who lived in the time of King David. He announced to David the covenant God was making with him, and he came to David to reprimand him over his committing adultery with Bathsheba. He told David that God liked his desire to build him a temple, but that his son would be the one who builds it. **PERSONALITY:** Serious, kind.

PHYSICALITY: Devoted to his mission **MISSION:** To serve the Lord and serve the King.
OBSTACLE:



SAUL

WHO: The son of Kish (probably his only son, and a child of prayer, "asked for"), of the tribe of Benjamin, the first king of the Jewish nation. He started out well, but then fell into caring about what people thought about him more than what God thought of him. **PERSONALITY:** Shy as a youth. Paranoid and demon possessed towards the later part of his life. **PHYSICALITY:** Strong, tall, handsome. **MISSION:** To rule and strike down the Philistines and other enemy armies that threatened the Jewish people. As David became a national hero after killing Goliath, Saul became jealous of him and tried to hunt him down and kill him. **OBSTACLE:** Philistines, Goliath, David.



ABNER

WHO: Abner, is cousin to Saul and commander-in-chief of his army. He first introduced David to the court of Saul after the victory over Goliath. After the death of Saul, David was made king over Judah, and reigned in Hebron. Among the other tribes there was a feeling of hostility to Judah; and Abner, at the head of Ephraim, fostered this hostility in the interest of the house of Saul, whose son Ish-bosheth he caused to be proclaimed king. **PERSONALITY:** Persuasive. **PHYSICALITY:** Strong. **MISSION:** To serve Saul. **OBSTACLE:**



SAUL'S SERVANT

WHO: otherwise called Courtiers which is a person who attends a royal court as a companion or adviser to the king or queen. **PERSONALITY:** Humble, wise, quick to listen slow to speak. **PHYSICALITY:** **MISSION:** to serve the King with wise remarks and answers about things like governance or war strategy. **OBSTACLE:**



ISRAELITE 1/ PRIEST

WHO: A Spiritual leader of the Jews specifically from the tribe of Levi. who makes sacrifices to God on behalf of the people. **PERSONALITY:** dutiful **PHYSICALITY:** Robed in the priestly garments. **MISSION:** To lead the people to worship the one true God the way He prescribes. **OBSTACLE:**



ISRAELITE 2

WHO: A member of the ancient Hebrew nation. **PERSONALITY:** Beautiful. Sweet. Noble. Honorable woman. **PHYSICALITY:** **MISSION:** To love God, serve her family and her neighbors. **OBSTACLE:**



ELIAB

WHO: The son of Jesse, and brother of David. It was he who spoke contemptuously to David when he proposed to fight Goliath **PERSONALITY:** Strong but weary **PHYSICALITY:** Hungry, physically strong. **MISSION:** To serve King Saul and protect the nation. **OBSTACLE:** Goliath, Philistines



MICHAL

WHO: a daughter of Saul, who became the wife of David. When she ridiculed David's dancing in the streets, David rebukes her. She is barren of children her whole life. **PERSONALITY:** Headstrong. **PHYSICALITY:** Well kept. **MISSION:** To preserve her honor and family line. **OBSTACLE:** David's emotional dancing before all the people. Doubt.

NON-SPEAKING ROLES:



7 SONS

WHO: Sons of Jesse **PERSONALITY:** Different **PHYSICALITY:** Different. **MISSION:** To work for their father and grow into great men of Israel. **OBSTACLE:** Goliath, Philistines.



ISRAELITES

WHO: A member of the ancient Hebrew nation

PERSONALITY: Strong but tired **PHYSICALITY:** Different

MISSION: To live in the land without fear of attack, able to worship the God of their fathers.,

OBSTACLE: Goliath, Philistines.



SOLOMON

WHO: David's second son by Bathsheba, their first son died. Continued David's dynasty by ruling as King in his place. As a young king- he asked God to give him wisdom. God made him so wise, rich, and great. There was peace for many years under his reign. He built the temple and reestablished the sacrificial worship and Levitical priesthood.

PERSONALITY: Peaceful **PHYSICALITY:** Strong, dressed well.

MISSION: To rule wisely and obey God and honor his father's desires of him building a house for God.

OBSTACLE:

PRAY: Take a moment to pray that God would teach you about himself and help you hear his words as you read/act.

SCRIPT

Now ADONAI said to Samuel,

ADONAI- How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse the Beth-lehemite, for I have selected for Myself a king among his sons.

But Samuel replied,

SAMUEL- How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.

Adonai said

ADONAI- Take a heifer with you and say: 'I have come to sacrifice to Adonai.' Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You will anoint for Me whom I tell you.

So Samuel did what Adonai said and went to Beth-lehem. The Elders of the town came out to meet him trembling, and asked,

ISRAELITE 2- Do you come in shalom?

SAMUEL- In shalom,

He said.

SAMUEL- I have come to sacrifice to Adonai. Consecrate yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.

He also consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. Upon their arrival, he saw Eliab and thought,

SAMUEL- Surely, Adonai's anointed one is before Him.

But ADONAI said to Samuel

ADONAI- Do not look at his appearance or his stature, because I have already refused him. For He does not see a man as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but Adonai looks into the heart.

Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. But he said,

SAMUEL- Neither has Adonai chosen this one.

Then Jesse made Shammah pass by and again he said,

SAMUEL- Neither has Adonai chosen this one.

Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse,

SAMUEL- Adonai has not chosen any of these.

Then Samuel asked Jesse,

SAMUEL- Are these all the boys you have?

JESSE- There's still the youngest,

He replied.

JESSE- But right now, he's tending the sheep.

SAMUEL- Send and bring him,

Samuel said to Jesse,

SAMUEL- For we will not sit down until he comes here.

So he sent word and had him come. Now he was ruddy-cheeked, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. Then ADONAI said,

ADONAI- Arise, anoint him, for this is the one.

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. From that day on Ruach Adonai came mightily upon David. Then Samuel rose up and went to Ramah. Now the Ruach Adonai had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from Adonai terrified him. So Saul's Courtiers said to him,

SAUL'S SERVANT- Behold now, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. Let our lord now command your courtiers in your service to search for a man who is a skillful player on the harp. Then whenever the evil spirit from God comes on you, he will play with his instrument and you will feel better.

So Saul said to his Courtiers,

SAUL- Find me someone who can play well and bring him to me.

One of the young Men answered and said,

SAUL'S SERVANT- I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite who is skillful in playing music. He is a mighty man of valor, a warrior, prudent in speech, a handsome man, and Adonai is with him.

So Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said,

SAUL- Send me your son David, who is with the flock.

So Jesse took a donkey, loaded it with bread, a bottle of wine and a young goat, and sent them with his son David to Saul. Then David came to Saul and became one of his attendants. Saul loved him greatly, so David became his armor-bearer. Then Saul sent word to Jesse saying,

SAUL- Let David now keep attending me, for he has found favor in my eyes.

It came to pass, whenever the spirit from God came upon Saul, David would take the harp and play it with his hand. So Saul would find relief and feel better, as the evil spirit departed from him. Now the Philistines assembled their armies to battle. They were gathered at Socoh of Judah, and camped in Ephes-dammim, between Socoh and Azekah. Saul and the men of Israel gathered and camped in the valley of Elah, then lined up in battle array against the Philistines. The Philistines were standing on the mountain on one side, and Israel was standing on the mountain on the other side, with the valley between them. Then a champion stepped out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. He had a bronze helmet on his head and a breastplate of scale armor; the weight of the bronze breastplate was 5,000 shekels. He also had bronze shin-guards on his legs and a bronze javelin slung between his shoulders. The shaft of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and the head of his spear weighed 600 shekels of iron; and his shield-bearer was marching ahead of him. Then He stood and shouted out to the ranks of Israel saying to them,

GOLIATH- Why come out to line up in battle array? Am I not the Philistine and aren't you Saul's servants? Choose for yourselves a man and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then will we become your slaves; but if I prevail against him and kill him, then will you become our slaves and serve us.

The Philistine added,

GOLIATH- Today I defy the ranks of Israel—give me a man, so we may fight together!

But when Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and very terrified.

Now David was son of a certain Ephrathite man of Beth-lehem of Judah, whose name was Jesse. He had eight sons and during the days of Saul the man was old, advanced in years among men. Now the three oldest sons of Jesse had already left and gone after Saul to the battle; the names of his three sons who went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and second to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. David was the youngest. So the three oldest followed Saul. Now David would go back and forth from Saul to tending his father's sheep by Beth-lehem. For forty days that Philistine would come out every morning and evening to present himself. Then Jesse said to his son David,

JESSE- Take now, for your brothers, an ephah of this roasted grain and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers. Also take these ten slices of cheese to the captain of their thousand—and check out the welfare of your brothers and bring back some token from them. They are with Saul and all the men of Israel in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

So David rose up early in the morning, left the flock with a keeper, took the provisions and went as Jesse had commanded him. When he reached the camp, the army was going out to the battle line shouting the war cry. Israel and the Philistines drew up their battle lines, army against army. Then David left his baggage in the care of the baggage keeper, and ran to the battle line and entered to check out his brothers' welfare. But as he was talking with them, behold the champion, the Philistine from Gath named Goliath, was coming up from the ranks of the Philistines, and he spoke these same words; and David heard them. Upon seeing him, all the men of Israel fled from him in great fear. All the men of Israel were saying,

ISRAELITE 1- Have you seen this man who keeps coming up? Surely he is coming up to defy Israel! The man who kills him, the king will enrich him with great riches, give him his daughter in marriage and make his father's house tax-free in Israel!

Then David asked the men who were standing by him saying,

DAVID- What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the ranks of the living God?

The people answered him with the same speech saying,

ISRAELITE 2- Thus it will be done for the man who strikes him down.

Now when Eliab his oldest brother heard him speaking to the men, Eliab's anger was kindled against David.

ELIAB- Why have you come down here?

He asked.

ELIAB- So with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your insolence and the wickedness of your heart! For you've come down here to watch the battle.

DAVID- What have I done now?

David said.

DAVID- It was only a question!

Then he turned away from him toward someone else and asked the same question. So the people gave him the same answer as before. The words that David said were overheard and reported before Saul. So he was taken to him.

David said to Saul,

DAVID- Let no one's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.

Then Saul said to David,

SAUL- You can't go fight this Philistine—for you're just a youth, and he's been a warrior since his youth.

But David said to Saul,

DAVID- Your servant has been tending his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a lamb out of the flock, I went out after it, struck it down, and rescued the lamb out of its mouth. If it rose up against me, I grabbed him by its fur, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear, so this uncircumcised Philistine will become like one of them—since he has defied the ranks of the living God.

Then David said,

DAVID- Adonai, who has delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.

SAUL- Go!

Said Saul to David,

SAUL- And may Adonai be with you.

Then Saul clothed David with his own garb, put a bronze helmet on his head, and clothed him in armor. David strapped his sword on his garment and tried to walk, but he was not used to it. So David said to Saul,

DAVID- I cannot walk in these, for I am not used to them.

So David took them off. Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the valley, put them in the pocket of the shepherd's bag that he had, and with his sling in his hand, he approached the Philistine. Meanwhile, the Philistine drew nearer and approached David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. Now when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was just a ruddy boy with a handsome appearance. Then the Philistine said to David,

GOLIATH- Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?

Then the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David,

GOLIATH- Come to me, so I may give your flesh to the birds of the sky and the beasts of the field.

Then David said to the Philistine,

DAVID- You are coming to me with a sword, a spear and a javelin, but I am coming to you in the Name of Adonai-Tzva'ot, God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day Adonai will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and take your head off you, and I will give the carcasses of the Philistines' camp today to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth. Then all the earth will know that there is a God in Israel, and so all this assembly will know that Adonai delivers not with sword and spear—for the battle belongs to Adonai—and He will give you into our hands.

Then when the Philistine rose and began to advance, drawing near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took from it a stone and slung it, striking the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, so that he fell on his face to the ground. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, struck the Philistine down and killed him. Since there was no sword in David's hand, David ran, stood over the Philistine, picked up his sword, drew it from its sheath, slew him and cut off his head with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. Then the men of Israel and Judah rose up, shouted and pursued the Philistines all the way to the valley up to the gates of Ekron. The slain Philistines fell down along the way to Shaaraim, even up to Gath and Ekron. When Bnei-Yisrael returned from chasing the Philistines, they plundered their camp. David took the head of the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem, but he put his armor in his own tent. Now when Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he asked Abner, the commander of the army,

SAUL- Abner, whose son is this boy?

Abner said,

ISRAELITE 1 - As your soul lives, your majesty, I don't know.

So the king said,

SAUL- Then, find out whose son this young man is.

So when David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.

SAUL- Whose son are you, young man?

Saul said to him. David answered,

DAVID- I am the son of your servant Jesse the Beth-lehemite.

Then all Israel gathered to David at Hebron, saying

ISRAELITE 1 & 2- Behold, we are your own flesh and blood. In the past, even when Saul was king, you were the one that led out and brought in Israel. Adonai your God also said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel and you shall be ruler over My people Israel.'"

When all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, David made a covenant with them in Hebron before Adonai. They anointed David king over Israel, in keeping with the word of Adonai by the hand of Samuel. Then David and all Israel went to Jerusalem—that is Jebus, where the Jebusite inhabitants of the land lived. Now the residents of Jebus said to David, "You cannot get in here!" Nevertheless David captured the stronghold of Zion, which is now the city of David. David had said,

DAVID- Whoever strikes down the Jebusites first will be commander-in-chief.

So Joab son of Zeruiah went up first, so he became commander. David lived in the stronghold; for this reason it is called the city of David. He fortified the city all around, from the Millo to the surrounding walls, and Joab repaired the rest of the city. David grew more and more powerful because Adonai-Tzva'ot was with him. Now David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, 30,000. Then David and all the people who were with him arose and set out from Baale-judah to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the Name, the very Name of Adonai-Tzva'ot who is enthroned between the cheruvim.

SAMUEL- So they loaded the ark of God on a new cart and carried it out of the house of Abinadab that was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, Abinadab's sons, drove the new cart

4 as they brought it from the house of Abinadab (which was on the hill) with the ark of God, and Ahio was walking in front of the ark.

Meanwhile David and the whole house of Israel were celebrating before Adonai with all kinds of instruments made of cypress wood, with harps, lyres, tambourines, three-stringed instruments and cymbals. But when they reached the threshing floor of Nahon, Uzzah reached out to the ark of God and grasped it, for the oxen had stumbled.

SAMUEL- Then the anger of Adonai was kindled against Uzzah. God struck him down there for his irreverence, so that he died there beside the ark of God.

David was upset because of Adonai's outburst against Uzzah. That place is called Perez-uzzah to this day. So DAVID was frightened of Adonai that day. Then he said,

DAVID- How can the ark of Adonai come to me?

David was unwilling to move the ark of Adonai to him, to the City of David; instead, David diverted it to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. So the ark of Adonai remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months; meanwhile Adonai blessed Obed-edom and his entire household. Elder Then it was reported to King David saying,

ISRAELITE 1- Adonai has blessed the house of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.

So David went and brought the ark of God up from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with joy. Now when the bearers of the ark of Adonai had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.

SAMUEL- Meanwhile, David was dancing before Adonai with all his might while he was wearing a linen ephod.

So David and the entire house of Israel brought up the ark of Adonai with shouting and with the sound of the shofar. But as the ark of Adonai entered the city of David, Saul's daughter Michal looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before Adonai, so she despised him in her heart

SAMUEL- They brought in the ark of Adonai and set it in its place in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it. Then David offered burnt offerings and fellowship offerings before Adonai.

When David had finished offering the burnt offering and fellowship offerings, he blessed the people in the Name of Adonai-Tzva'ot. Then he distributed to all the people—to the whole multitude of Israel, men and women alike—to everyone a loaf of bread, a cake made in a pan and a raisin cake. Then all the people departed, each to his home. David returned to bless his own household. But Saul's daughter Michal came out to meet David and said,

MICHAL- How the king of Israel distinguished himself today, when he uncovered himself today in the eyes of the slave girls of his subjects, as any vulgar fellow would shamelessly uncover himself!

DAVID- It was before Adonai,

David said to Michal,

DAVID- Who chose me instead of your father and all his household, appointing me ruler over the people of Adonai, over Israel! So I danced Before Adonai, and will dishonor myself even more than this, and will be low in my own eyes. Yet in the eyes of the slave girls whom you mentioned, I will be honored.

So Saul's daughter Michal had no children to the day of her death.

Now it came about when the king lived in his palace and Adonai had granted him rest from all his enemies around him, that the King said to the prophet Nathan,

DAVID- See now, I am living in a house of cedar, yet the ark of God remains within curtains. Go, do all that is in your heart,

Nathan said to the king,

NATHAN- for Adonai is with you.

But it came to pass the same night that the word of ADONAI came to Nathan saying:

ADONAI- Go, tell My servant David: Thus says Adonai: Are you to build Me a house for Me to dwell in? Since the day that I brought up the children of Israel from Egypt to this day I have not dwelt in a house, but have been moving

about in a tent, even in a tabernacle. In all My journeying among all the children of Israel, did I ever speak a word to any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?' So now, thus you shall say to My servant David: Thus says Adonai-Tzva'ot: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make your name as great as the greatest on earth. I will also set up a place for My people Israel and will plant them, so they may dwell in their own place and not be disturbed again. Nor will the children of wickedness afflict them anymore as in the past, since the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. So I will give you rest from all your enemies. "Moreover, Adonai declares to you that Adonai will make a house for you. When your days are done and you sleep with your fathers, I will raise up your **seed**, who will come forth from you after you, and I will establish his kingdom. **He will build a house for My Name, and I will establish his royal throne forever.** I will be a father to him, and he will be a son to Me. If he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and with the strokes from sons of men. Yet My lovingkindness will not be withdrawn from him as I withdrew it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. So your house and your kingship will be secure forever before you; your throne will be established forever.

Just so Nathan spoke all these words and all this vision to David. Then King David went in and sat before Adonai and said,

DAVID- Who am I, my Lord Adonai, and what is my family, that You have brought me this far? Yet this was a small thing in Your eyes, my Lord Adonai—for You have spoken also of Your servant's house for the distant future. This is a revelation for humanity, my Lord Adonai. What more can David add in speaking to You? For You already know Your servant, my Lord Adonai. For the sake of Your word and according to Your own heart, You have done everything great, revealing this to Your servant. Therefore You are great, my Lord Adonai! For there is none like You, and there is no other God besides You, as we all have heard with our ears. What one nation on earth is like Your people, like Israel, whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make for Himself a Name, to do for You a great thing and awesome deeds for Your land, before Your people whom You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt—driving out nations and their gods? So You established for Yourself Your people Israel as Your very own people forever, and You, Adonai, have become their God. So now, my Lord Adonai, confirm the word that You have spoken concerning Your servant and his house forever, and do as You have promised. Let Your Name be magnified forever by saying, 'Adonai-Tzva'ot is God over Israel!' May the house of Your servant David be established before You. For You, Adonai-Tzva'ot God of Israel, have made a revelation to Your servant saying, 'I will build you a house.' Therefore Your servant has found his heart to pray this prayer to You. So now, my Lord Adonai, You alone are God, and Your words are truth, and You have promised Your servant this good thing. So now let it please You to bless the house of Your servant, to continue forever before You. For You, my Lord Adonai, have spoken, and with Your blessing Your servant's house will be blessed forever.

When all the work that Solomon undertook for the House of Adonai was finished, Solomon brought in the things David his father consecrated—the silver, gold and all the furnishings—and put them in the treasuries of the House of God.

Then Solomon gathered to Jerusalem the elders of Israel, all the heads of the tribes and the patriarchal leaders of Bnei-Yisrael, in order to bring up the Ark of the Covenant of Adonai from the city of David, which is Zion.

NATHAN- All the men of Israel gathered together to the king at the feast that is in the seventh month. So all the elders of Israel came and the Levites took up the Ark and brought up the Ark and the Tent of Meeting along with all the sacred furnishings that were in the Tent. The Levitical kohanim brought them up.

Meanwhile, King Solomon and the entire congregation of Israel who gathered with him before the Ark, were sacrificing so many sheep and bulls that they could not be counted or numbered.

NATHAN- The kohanim brought in the Ark of the Covenant of Adonai to its place, into the inner Sanctuary of the House, into the Holy of Holies under the wings of the cheruvim.

The cheruvim spread their wings over the place of the Ark so that the cheruvim covered the Ark and its poles from above. Now the poles were so long that the ends of the poles extending from the Ark could be seen in front of the inner Sanctuary, though they could not be seen from outside; and they are there to this day. There was nothing in the Ark except the two tablets that Moses had placed there at Horeb, where Adonai made a covenant with Bnei-Yisrael when they came out of Egypt.

NATHAN- And it came to pass, when the kohanim came out of the Holy Place—for all the kohanim that were present had consecrated themselves, without regard to divisions—

All the Levite singers—Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, their sons and their relatives—dressed in fine linen with cymbals, harps and lyres, were standing at the east end of the altar and with them were 120 kohanim blowing trumpets.

NATHAN- Then it came to pass that when the trumpeters and singers joined as one to extol and praise Adonai, and when the sound of the trumpets, cymbals and musical instruments and the praise of Adonai

ISRAELITE 1 & 2- For He is good, for His mercy endures forever

NATHAN- Grew louder, the Temple, the House of Adonai, was filled with a cloud. The kohanim could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of Adonai filled the House of God.

SONG: YOUR EYES ARE SEARCHING THE EARTH- TO FIND HEART THAT TRULY ARE YOURS X2
I'M YOURS, WHOLLY YOURS, I'M YOURS, WHOLLY YOURS X2

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What did you like?
2. What confused you?
3. What did you learn about God?
4. What did you learn about people and yourself?
5. Does God see everything that's going on inside your heart?

6. How can you apply what you learned from this story in your life?

7. How will you remember this story?

8. Who will you tell this story to?

Key Verses:

But Adonai said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or his stature, because I have already refused him. For He does not see a man as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but Adonai looks into the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7

O Lord God, You are God, and Your words are truth and you promise good things to those who love you.

2 Samuel 7:28

How do these verses make you feel?

Pray the Word

Father, help me to understand that you don’t make decisions the way people do. People judge by what they see on the outside, but you are looking at my heart.

Father, thank you that you are God, that your words are truth, and that you promise good things to those who love you.

Pray for each other and others