

David in His Rejection

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True ministry is often born out of difficult circumstances and requires a willingness to suffer and be rejected in order to be effective.

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Description

George Warnock explores the theme of rejection in David's life, emphasizing how his anointing as king was met with persecution from Saul, leading him to the cave of Adullam where he cried out to God in his distress. Through his psalms, David expressed his deep sorrow and reliance on God, illustrating that true ministry often emerges from suffering and rejection. Warnock highlights that those who gather around David, marked by distress, debt, and discontent, found purpose and discipline under his leadership, learning to trust God's timing and ways. The sermon encourages believers to recognize that even in closed doors, God can still work, as Jesus holds the

Transcript

In the book of Psalms we have many that pertained to David in this period of his distress and rejection. Anointed as king of Israel, but hunted and hounded by an angry Saul, he finally fled to the cave of Adullam where he hoped to find a place of refuge. There it was that he poured out his heart to the Lord, and cried for mercy:

"I poured out my complaint before him;

I shewed before him my trouble.

When my spirit was overwhelmed within me,

Then thou knewest my path.

In the way wherein I walked

Have they privily laid a snare for me.

I looked on my right hand, and beheld,

But there was no man that would know me:

Refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul" (Ps. 142:24).

Many other psalms were written by him as he went through trial and sorrow, and deep heart-searchings; and these songs were incorporated into the scripture and became a part of Temple worship in all generations to come-not only in Israel, but now in the Church. True ministry is always rejected before it is recognized. It must be this way, because without rejection there can be no channel for grace to flow forth, no room for the spirit of the dove and the spirit of the lamb... which God always requires for the outflow of grace from His own heart. True ministry is conceived in the womb of suffering, born in travail and sorrow, and cradled in a cross.

But David would not always be alone in his distress. It may seem that way at times, for indeed there is the lonely walk for those who would seek to walk with God. But as we go on with the Lord we are going to discover fellowship with others who likewise have known rejection and suffering as they walked with God and learned His ways. So now there is fellowship because of the Cross.

These men who identified themselves with David all had their D.D.D.-

"And every one that was in Distress,

And every one that was in Debt,

And every one that was Discontented,

Gathered themselves unto him;

And he became a captain over them:

And there were with him about four hundred men" (1 Sam. 22:2).

These men were genuinely sincere in their loyalty to David, and they had caught the vision of the kingdom. But they needed to learn discipline; and they would learn it in company with David. They had to learn God's ways. They had to learn that an open door was not necessarily a call for action. For when Saul was sleeping soundly because of a heavy drowsiness that God had put him under, they naturally assumed it was for the purpose that David might take the kingdom now. They urged immediate action, and quickly volunteered to rid David of Saul if he would let them. They did not know that with David's key they could open doors that no man could close, and close doors that no man could open. What about this, people of God? Why do we get alarmed when a nation announces that no more missionaries are to be allowed into their country? Can God not work in that country, with doors closed to missionaries from abroad? Jesus still has the "Key of David"! And it is still available to a people who will take His yoke upon them, and learn of Him.

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