

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. How do we recognize the gift that is in us?
2. How can we abuse the gift that is in us?
3. Does God today use us as individuals as much as he used David in his day?
4. What part do we play in God working in our lives?

SUMMARY:

In his opening statement, David addressed the words of his song to God when God had delivered him from all his enemies and from the hands of Saul. As he states in 2 Samuel 23:1, "These be the last words of David . . .". David had gone through his life at this time and had experienced many joys, many sorrows, many victories and many losses. He knew at this time wherein lay his strength and his weakness. Any good that was in him he attributed to God, "For thou art my Lamp." (1 Samuel 22:29) Any good that came from him shown forth directly from God. Any weakness in him was removed and brought to light by God, "The Lord will lighten my darkness." (1 Samuel 22:29) David also realized that God chose him that he might have free course through him, "The Spirit of God spake by me, and his word was in my tongue." (2 Samuel 23:2) Thus God's word issued from David's mouth.

Christ also recognized His calling as we see in Luke 4. So He gave His life to the work of the Father.

Let us recognize that we are the "temple of the living God," (1 Corinthians 3:16) and that we dare not neglect the gift that is in us. (1 Timothy 4:14)

NOTES:

[SoF:8] We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation.

[SoF:9] We believe in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the believer is empowered to live a Godly life in spiritual unity with Christ.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #10

June 6, 2010

Second Quarter

A SPIRIT ANOINTED LEADER ^[SoF:8,9]

LESSON TEXT: 2 Samuel 22:29-37; 23:1-5

LESSON SETTING: In addition to withstanding internal rebellions, David had just defeated the Philistines.

TIME: Approximately 1018 B.C.

I. GOD GUIDES HIS SERVANT. 2 Samuel 22:29-34

- A. "For it is not ye that speak" Matthew 10:19-20
- B. "I Will give you another comforter" John 14:16

II. GOD TEACHES HIS SERVANT. 2 Samuel 22:35-37

- A. "He shall teach you all things" John 14:26
- B. "The Holy Ghost teacheth" 1 Corinthians 2:13

III. GOD ANOINTS HIS SERVANT. 2 Samuel 23:1-5

- A. "Anointing Ye have received" 1 John 2:27
- B. "Baptize You with Holy Ghost" Matthew 3:11

GOLDEN TEXT: FOR THOU ART MY LAMP, O LORD: AND THE LORD WILL LIGHTEN MY DARKNESS. 2 Samuel 22:29

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 2 Samuel 24:1-25; Psalm 139:1-4; 23-24

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Jeremiah 21:8-14; John 6:66-69;
2 Timothy 4:10

QUARTERLY THEME: David the King

TOPIC: THE IMPORTANCE OF CHOICE

INTRODUCTION:

Although it is said of David that his heart was perfect in the eyes of the Lord, at this time he yielded to his desire to knowing the strength of his nation. David forgot that all he had was from the Lord. He forgot that the battles which were won were not his, but God's. He also forgot that as the Lord gave, He could take it again.

As God gives us blessings we must also remember that "every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17) Regardless of what God gives us, spiritual or temporal, the devil may attempt to make us think that it is of ourselves. We must not become proud, but give thanks always to God for all things.

CENTRAL TRUTH: The decisions and actions of the child of God affect others incalculably.

**GOLDEN TEXT: *SEARCH ME, O GOD, AND KNOW MY HEART:
TRY ME AND KNOW MY THOUGHTS.***

Psalm 139:23

In asking God to search him, David's purpose was not that God could know his heart, but that David himself could know his heart. As it was with David, so it is with us that God already knows our hearts and we cannot prevent Him from knowing. "All things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." (Hebrews 4:13b)

Man has a problem in not realizing how his heart is before God. However, God will reveal the wickedness of one's heart to such as desire to know, as David did. Those with an upright heart will desire to have their sin revealed to them that they may be cleansed and be led in the way everlasting. Those who don't want to know the wickedness of their hearts—because of fear—deceive only themselves and will have to give account at the judgment seat of Christ where there will be no mercy. ^[SoF:10]

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF June 7 – 13

- M. Choice Offers Two Ways. Deuteronomy 30:11-20
- T. Choice Includes Commitment. Joshua 24:14-26
- W. *Choice Affects Others. 2 Samuel 24:1-25
- T. *Choice is Inescapable. Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
- F. Choice Implies Responsibility. Matthew 7:13-27
- S. Choice Demands Action. Matthew 11:20-30
- S. Choice Involves Eternity. Romans 2:1-11

^[SoF:10] We believe that both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; the saved unto life eternal and the lost unto eternal damnation.