

DAVID BIBLE STUDY (Intro. Notes) WEEK #1

David Bible Study by Beth Moore

We read in 1 Samuel 13 that the spiritual life of David begins with a prophetic word from the LORD.

*1 Samuel 13:13-14 And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. "But now your kingdom shall not continue. **The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.**"*

Samuel the prophet spoke this prophetic word to King Saul about David becoming his successor. David was "called" by the LORD through a prophet. The LORD is seeking those that are called to choose His heart and not His hand.

Samuel was a seer. God had shown him many things in his day concerning His will and God's people. You and I are prophetic people, we are God's people. The way to becoming a seer or a person of prophetic culture is to seek after God with all your heart. You are called!

God had a word for David through a prophet but, what about us? God has given us the logos (*written*) Word. We also have modern day prophets that God will use to speak a word to us that can be for the present or the future. Here are just a couple of words God has spoken through His Word to us.

*1 Peter 2:9-10 But **you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people**, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*

Jeremiah 1: 5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

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As we study, remember this; David's life is an example for us to learn from. Why? Because in our day we are called also:

Matthew 22:14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

Another way to understand the above verse is; *many are called BUT few choose*. We have choices to make. God has spoken His Word now we must act on it, in the natural and spiritually. What else does God's Word say?

Psalm 139: 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.

You and I have been created for a divine purpose...there is destiny in God. Make that choice to live in the Kingdom and not the worldly system of our day....Esther did.

Esther 4:14b ...Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Let me encourage you here. Make a huge effort to do your homework. It is a tool to bring you closer to God. As we move closer to God we understand His will for our life. That's Kingdom living!

~Lora

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