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LIFE OF

DAVID

SHEPHERD



KING

IN THE KING'S SERVICE

SYNERGY between:

- **Divine Sovereignty, and**
- **Human Responsibility**

SYNERGY

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Tom Constable, *Tom Constable's Expository Notes on the Bible* (Galaxie Software, 2003; 2003), 1 Sam.

Each man [David & Saul] had his opportunity, made his response, and experienced the consequences of his response. All cooperated with God in fulfilling His ultimate purposes...

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Contrast of Characters

- **Saul – David**
- **Ichabod figure – Messianic figure**
- **Evil spirit – Holy Spirit**
- **Sees by eyes – sees by heart**

1 Samuel 16:14-22 (ESV)

¹⁴ Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the Lord tormented him. ¹⁵ And Saul's servants said to him, "Behold now, a harmful spirit from God is tormenting you. ¹⁶ Let our lord now command your

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servants who are before you to seek out a man who is skillful in playing the lyre, and when the harmful spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will be well.”¹⁷ So Saul said to his servants, “Provide for me a man who

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can play well and bring him to me.”

¹⁸ One of the young men answered,

“Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence,

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and the Lord is with him.”¹⁹ Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, “Send me David your son, who is with the sheep.”²⁰ And Jesse took a donkey laden with bread and a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them

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by David his son to Saul. ²¹ And David came to Saul and entered his service. And Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer. ²² And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, “Let David remain in my service, for he has found favor in my sight.”

1 Samuel 18:5-15 (ESV)

⁵ And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

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⁶ As they were coming home, when David returned from striking down the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and

1 Samuel 18:5-15 (ESV)

with musical instruments.⁷ And the women sang to one another as they celebrated,

**“Saul has struck down his thousands,
and David his ten thousands.”**

1 Samuel 18:5-15 (ESV)

⁸ And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?” ⁹ And Saul eyed David from that day on.

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¹⁰ The next day a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand. ¹¹ And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought,

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“I will pin David to the wall.” But David evaded him twice.

¹² Saul was afraid of David because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. ¹³ So Saul removed him from his presence and made him a

1 Samuel 18:5-15 (ESV)

commander of a thousand. And he went out and came in before the people. ¹⁴ And David had success in all his undertakings, for the Lord was with him. ¹⁵ And when Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in fearful awe of him.

Structure

- 1. The Spirit Determines Success**
- 2. God Directs All Things**
- 3. Our Response**

Jacob

Genesis 28:15 (ESV) - Jacob's Dream

¹⁵ Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

Joseph

Genesis 39:2–3 (ESV)

² The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master.

³ His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands.

Moses

Exodus 3:10-12 (ESV)

¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

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Exodus 3:10-12 (ESV)

¹² He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

Joshua

Joshua 1:9 (ESV)

⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

David

1 Samuel 16:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ And David had success in all his undertakings, FOR the LORD was with him.

1. God directs all things (the 3 realms)

a. The Divine Realm

b. The Evil Realm

c. The Human Realm

God, Who is Master of all the created order, will use even demons, against their will, for redemptive purposes.

Ted Cabal, Chad Owen Brand, E. Ray Clendenen et al., The Apologetics Study Bible: Real Questions, Straight Answers, Stronger Faith (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2007), 431-32.

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God created a universe with built-in rewards and punishments that reinforce divine moral law....Saul had lived a life of chronic disobedience to God, and therefore had opened himself to demonic oppression. While it was a

form of punishment, because of Saul's disregard for God's moral order, it was also intended to drive him to repent and turn back to the Lord.

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Proverbs 21:1 (ESV)

The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the LORD; he turns it wherever he will.

In this way, the text illustrates how God often works behind the scenes of the everyday affairs of a believer's routine activities in ways that are often indiscernible except in retrospect.

As Christians, we are committed to the idea that God is at work in our

lives—directing, guiding, and in some instances, cajoling. But We often go about our life's activities without much thought to what God's desire might be in any given set of circumstances. we are not often consciously aware of the specifics of his involvement. We are

not frequently reminded that God is working behind the scenes to enable us to fulfill his greatest and best for our lives. Furthermore, we are often confused about how it all fits together. How can God's call and purpose for my life possibly be related to the messy

affairs around me, which often seem completely at odds with what we would expect God to be achieving in us?

Bill T. Arnold, 1 & 2 Samuel, The NIV Application Commentary (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2003), 243–244.

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- **Does produce worshipful assurance and rest**

Message Summary

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First Samuel teaches us the methods of the sovereign God. All territory is within God's jurisdiction, every person is under His control, and all events are in His hands. All of God's plans and purposes are moving toward

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accomplishment. He makes use of all antagonistic facts and forces as well as all positive facts and forces. He also makes use of all the agents He has chosen to use regardless of their responses.

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God's ultimate victory is independent of the attitudes and actions of individuals and groups of people... toward Him. Nevertheless the ultimate destiny of individuals and groups of people depends on their attitudes and

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actions toward Him.

- **Saul was disobedient, was God's instrument, and experienced destruction.**
- **David was obedient, was God's instrument, and experienced deliverance.**

Message Summary

My attitudes and actions do not determine God's ultimate victory, but they do determine my ultimate destiny. Everything depends on my choices and me regarding my earthly destiny. Nothing depends on me regarding

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God's ultimate victory. God uses all people, loyal and rebellious, to produce His ultimate purposes. However we determine the outcome of our lives by our attitudes and responses to Him.

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1 John 5:4 (ESV)

4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.