

KING DAVID – A LIFETIME SOAKER...

From shepherd boy to greatest King of Israel



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On March 29, in the midst of tax season, I forced myself take an hour off at lunch in order to partake of Communion, fellowship without distraction with Jesus, soak in God's Presence, and to receive an impartation of fresh oil to refresh me and strengthen my spirit, soul, and body. I started to meditate on David, and what it was about him that would make him known throughout history as the "man after God's own heart".

Holy Spirit revealed to me that David was one of the greatest "soakers" in the Bible who passionately treasured his quiet and still meditation time. It was not a religious duty but a fellowship and communion time with Jehovah, the greatest love of His life. This intimacy with God imparted to him a spirit of revelation so that he saw Christ on the cross in [Psalms chapter 22](#).

Here are just a few scriptures that reveal David's regular soaking time and encounters with His living God:

1. "Deep calleth unto deep" [Ps 42:7](#)
2. "I WAITED PATIENTLY for the Lord and He inclined unto me and heard my cry." [Ps 40:1](#)
3. "The Lord is NIGH unto them of a contrite heart" [Ps 34:18](#)
4. "So our EYES WAIT UPON THE LORD our God, until He have mercy upon us" [Ps 123:2](#)
5. "My soul thirsteth for the living God: when shall I come and APPEAR BEFORE GOD?" [Ps 42:2](#)
6. "Truly my soul waiteth upon God...He only is my rock, salvation, and defence" [Ps: 62.1.2](#)
7. "MY SOUL – WAIT THOU ONLY UPON GOD – FOR MY EXPECTATION IS FROM HIM." [Ps 62:5](#)
8. "In Thy Presence is fullness of joy!" [Ps 16:11](#)
9. "Lord, WHO SHALL ABIDE IN THY TABERNACLE & DWELL IN THY HOLY HILL? [Ps 15:1](#), [Ps 27:5,6](#)
10. "The upright shall DWELL IN THY PRESENCE". [Ps 140:13](#)

See how David soaked his whole life: ("[green pasture](#)" is that spiritual place of REST in God's Presence)

1. As a shepherd boy, David dwelt in [physical green pastures](#) and without the pressures of life he could easily sing, pray, and play his harp while communing daily with Jehovah. This close fellowship with Jehovah enabled him to kill an attacking bear, lion, and the famous giant named Goliath.
2. As a youth in the royal courts, David's "[green pasture](#)" was the realm in the Spirit he was in while [worshipping with his harp](#). It caused the tormenting evil spirit over Saul to depart, and sealed and protected him from the king's spear of murder.
3. As a young adult David ran all over the wilderness and mountains and hid in caves, from King Saul who wanted to murder his successor. David's "[green pasture](#)" was in the spiritual realm- [SECRET PLACE \(Ps 27\)](#), "[SHADOW of His WINGS](#)" ([Ps 57](#)) ([Ps 91 by Moses](#)), "[FORTRESS](#)". [Ps 31](#), [2 Samuel 22](#)
4. While ruling the kingdom of Israel King David was confronted with problems that were 1000 times bigger than a bear or lion. [That is why as an adult he wrote in Ps 23, "He MAKETH me lie down in green pastures"](#). Jehovah was his friend and compelled David while within palace walls to find his "[green pasture](#)" as the place of rest in God's Presence - the [SECRET PLACE \(Ps 27\)](#).
5. King David experienced "[green pasture](#)" while [worshipping](#) as in [Ps 96](#).
6. When in the wilderness of Judah, King David arose early in order to find his "[green pasture](#)" in the [Presence of God](#) while seeking God "[to see thy power and glory, SO AS I HAVE SEEN THEE IN THE SANCTUARY.](#)" [Ps 63:1,2](#)
7. In war, David heart and mind lay in "[green pasture](#)" as [he made God his habitation, HIGH TOWER & FORTRESS. With God's authority he SPOKE TO THE HEAVENS TO BOW DOWN, MAKE THE MOUNTAINS SMOKE, CAST FORTH LIGHTNING TO CAUSE FEAR AND SHOOT OUT ARROWS OF DELIVERANCE TO KILL THE ENEMY!](#) The warrior's psalm - [Ps 144](#)
8. Even while bed-ridden because of an evil disease he was betrayed by two close ones. But King David fought this battle while soaking in "[green pasture](#)". God did deliver David from both conspirators and also healed his body. His son Absalom was hung on a tree by his own long hair. His close friend and trusted counselor Ahithophel who "spoke as the oracles of God", betrayed David and advised Absalom on how to steal the throne. He hung himself when his counsel was not heeded by Absalom for, "The Lord raised up another voice to cause defeat". (2 Sam 17) [Read Ps 41 and Ps 3](#).
9. The one big mistake David made was taking Bathsheba in adultery and then murdering her husband to cover the pregnancy. But the fruit of David's deep repentance and deep personal knowledge of forgiveness, is revealed in [Ps 51 & Ps 32](#). Bathsheba is said to have been the author of [Proverbs 31](#) when admonishing her son, King Solomon, at the time of his marriage to Pharaoh's daughter.