

Study #17

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HOW DO YOU BECOME A GREAT MAN OF GOD?

WARM UP

Books have been written about the last words of famous men. Last words are sometimes important. For instance, the last words of Jesus literally set the church in motion. Today we are going to look at the last words of a great man of God. His name was David.

BACKGROUND

“These are the last words of David: the oracle of David, the son of Jesse, the man exalted by the Most High”... God exalted David. In other words, God made him “great”, as another translation puts it. 1 Chronicles 11:9 (NKJV) also says that God made David great.

At the end of his life, as he is about to breathe his last breath, David did not mention his achievements: killing Goliath; slaying tens of thousands; having a great army; or building a great kingdom. He spoke about the Most High - as the true source of his greatness. He spoke, not about the applause he received from man, but about the favour of God and the applause of God in his life



READ 2 Samuel 23:1 (NIV)

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION

1. What aspects of the life of David caused him to be a great man of God?
2. We tend to exalt people on the basis of their achievements. How does God really measure success? What does He look for in all of us?

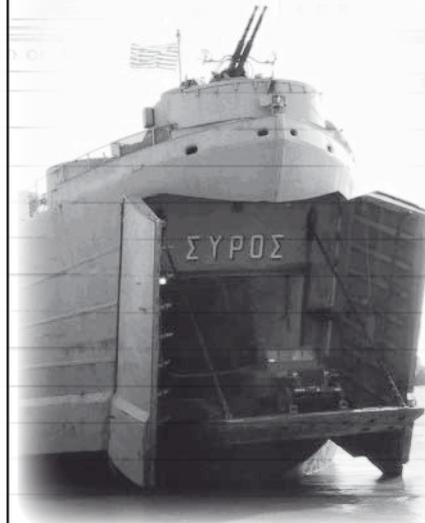
3. How can we experience God's favour?

4. David described himself as one “anointed by the God of Jacob”. Discuss the importance of being anointed in what we do – anointed fathers, anointed husbands, anointed businessmen or anointed employees. Discuss the practical importance of God's anointing.

5. David also described himself as a “singer of songs”. He was a worshipper. Was that not one of the keys to his greatness and favour with God? Describe the importance of a ‘demonstrative’ lifestyle of worship.

CONSIDER THIS

When you face eternity, it is not the acceptance of man that counts but the acceptance of God.



WRAP UP

David was a radical worshipper. Once he danced before God in a way that seemed undignified to the people watching, including his wife. He did that because he had a strong relationship with God and he was not ashamed of it. God turned what looked like humiliation into exaltation. Stand today and worship together like never before. He will exalt you too. Great men of God are great worshippers!



IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

MY RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

I will make it my goal to become a great man of God by having a strong, authentic, demonstrative relationship with Him. I will please Him and seek His acceptance rather than man's.