

Serve God's Purpose

Part 4

*“For when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation.” (Acts 13:36a NIV)
“For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God.” (Acts 13:36a KJV)*

God who created you is the one who had called you for his purpose and glory. Therefore there is a purpose for God in placing you wherever you are. The country that you are in, the city that you live, the family that you belong, the work you are working in, the church that you are part of, the people who are around you whom you are meeting every now and then, etc, in all that God had a purpose.

From the life of David we can extract and apply the following points:

5- David was wise in dealing with the authority that God placed above him: David was loyal to King Saul. At the beginning David was not much aware that the Lord had left Saul and he is the one to replace him. David served God’s purpose faithfully under the leadership of King Saul. Also he served King Saul faithfully; David was the one to play the harp whenever the evil spirit will come and torment King Saul. ²¹“David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers. ²²Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, “Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him.” ²³Whenever the spirit from God came upon Saul, David would take his harp and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.” (1Samuel 16:21-23)

Truly King Saul liked David’s faithfulness and obedience in service as we can read here: ⁴⁵“Whatever Saul sent him to do, David did it so successfully that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the people, and Saul’s officers as well.” (1Samuel 18:5)

But later on Saul became jealous of David on account of what he achieved for God: ⁴⁶“When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lutes. ⁷As they danced, they sang: “Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands.” ⁸Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. “They have credited David with tens of thousands,” he thought, “but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?” ⁹And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.” (1Samuel 18:6-9)

Later on Saul was even trying to finish David life, ¹⁰“The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully upon Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the harp, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand ¹¹and he hurled it, saying to himself, “I’ll pin David to the wall.” But David eluded him twice. ¹²Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with David but had left Saul. ¹³So he sent David away from him and gave him command over a thousand men, and David led the troops in their campaigns. ¹⁴In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him. ¹⁵When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him. ¹⁶But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he led them in their campaigns.” (1Samuel 18:10-16) You can see clearly that even Saul was trying to finish the life of David, but David he was wise of how to handle the situation with God’s wisdom, and continue to be faithful to God in his service and that brought him success in whatever he did. Sometimes the success that God would give you and grant to you will cause some people to be jealous of you. If jealousy will be in the heart of those who are over you then that will be more difficult, not because of the troubles that they may caused you, but because of the frustration that may come

into your life; they are the one who should help you and encourage you to grow but you find them the same people who are trying to trouble you. Forgive and focus to do what God’s word teaches.

¹⁷Saul said to David, “Here is my older daughter Merab. I will give her to you in marriage; only serve me bravely and fight the battles of the LORD.” For Saul said to himself, “I will not raise a hand against him. Let the Philistines do that!” ¹⁸But David said to Saul, “Who am I, and what is my family or my father’s clan in Israel, that I should become the king’s son-in-law?” ¹⁹So when the time came for Merab, Saul’s daughter, to be given to David, she was given in marriage to Adriel of Meholah. ²⁰Now Saul’s daughter Michal was in love with David, and when they told Saul about it, he was pleased. ²¹“I will give her to him,” he thought, “so that she may be a snare to him and so that the hand of the Philistines may be against him.” So Saul said to David, “Now you have a second opportunity to become my son-in-law.” ²²Then Saul ordered his attendants: “Speak to David privately and say, ‘Look, the king is pleased with you, and his attendants all like you; now become his son-in-law.’” ²³They repeated these words to David. But David said, “Do you think it is a small matter to become the king’s son-in-law? I’m only a poor man and little known.” ²⁴When Saul’s servants told him what David had said, ²⁵Saul replied, “Say to David, ‘The king wants no other price for the bride than a hundred Philistine foreskins, to take revenge on his enemies.’” Saul’s plan was to have David fall by the hands of the Philistines. ²⁶When the attendants told David these things, he was pleased to become the king’s son-in-law. So before the allotted time elapsed, ²⁷David and his men went out and killed two hundred Philistines. He brought their foreskins and presented the full number to the king so that he might become the king’s son-in-law. Then Saul gave him his daughter Michal in marriage. ²⁸When Saul realized that the LORD was with David and that his daughter Michal loved David, ²⁹Saul became still more afraid of him, and he remained his enemy the rest of his days. ³⁰The Philistine commanders continued to go out to battle, and as often as they did, David met with more success than the rest of Saul’s officers, and his name became well known.” (1Samuel 18:17-30) Saul was using his daughter in order to push David to die on the hands of the Philistines, and that was a dirty way to get rid of David. But the Lord delivered David and helped him and granted him success against all his enemies. The same for you now, don’t be intimidated with what people around you and over you may do to harm you. But continue to do good and be faithful and obedient person to God in faithfully serving him under the leadership of those people that God placed over you. Whether they are good or bad, you continue to be keen to do your part, and don’t be afraid; the Lord will help you and protect you from their hands and the hands of your entire enemy.

My Dear and Beloved: David said about the Lord, “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.” (Psalm 23:5a) God will continue to bless you and provide for you even if others are not wishing you good. Continue to trust Him and do your part as you agree and pray.

My Prayer: “Father God in heaven, I come before you in Jesus name who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your clear word to me. Lord I will continue to serve you and be faithful to you. Lord I will not look to the offences that people or those who are above me are doing against me but I will look always of how much you suffer for me and the great things that you have done and are doing to me. Lord uphold me with your grace and provide for me and give me the wisdom to do your work and to achieve your will in Jesus name, Amen.