

# Night and Day Prayer According to David

A Biblical Framework Introduction

Part 1 of 4

The Bridal Paradigm (notes available)

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# Scriptures: A starting place

Three Questions to ask in studying the scriptures.

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1. What does the text say (**analysis**)? Words used (Greek & Hebrew), time period, culture ... the facts, as much as we can determine them. Then ...
2. What did the text mean to the original audience (**interpretation**)? Finally ...
3. What does it mean to me 2-6,000 years later (**application**)?



Refine  
& Repeat



<sup>6</sup> "For I, the LORD, **do not change**; therefore you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed. (Mal 3:6). The bridegroom God of John has always been a bridegroom God

# Inspiration

**2 Timothy 3:16** <sup>16</sup> **All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;**

- A verse is next to another verse and is part of a book; a book is part of a testament; and a testament is part of the bible – **all God-breathed**; not dictation but men moved by God to write just what He wanted (2 Pt 1:21)
- God's **character** and **purposes** are drawn from the bible and are all true, consistent and **timeless**. **Means** and **methods** may change. Our knowledge of God grows over time. What Adam knew about God's plan was not as detailed as what the Apostle John knew
- God's revelation is fully authoritative and binding. No later revelation can void scripture. Study carefully (2 Tim 2:15); Dreams – dark sayings (Psa 78:2) – encrypted, mysterious, parables; misunderstanding is possible; clarity and understanding goes down as the mystery content goes up

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1. We don't have a NT God who is different from the OT God. Same God. He doesn't mature with time. He is.

## Revelation

**2 Thessalonians 2:8-11** <sup>8</sup> *Then that lawless one will be revealed ...* <sup>9</sup> *that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,* <sup>10</sup> *and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.* <sup>11</sup> *For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false.*

- Your word is truth (John 17:17); Signs & wonders may mislead – Dt 13:1-3 and great delusion is coming
- Personal revelation is susceptible to error (Jeremiah 2:22-23). The company of prophets did get it right (2 Ki 2:3) but not always (2 Chr 18:11). Pressure from peers & authorities
- But My sheep hear my voice (John 10:27) promise; However, we see in part (1 Cor 13:9-12); Commanded to eat the book (Rev 10:9)

## HOP Proposition

God is restoring David's **commanded** practice of "night and day prayer." It is a sign of the end of the end of the age and a provision for it. It is how heaven runs today and it will be an integral part of how the church on earth will run.

- Every church, every ministry and every individual will need to realign themselves with what God is doing at the end of the age. Same wine, **different wineskin**.
- God, as a loving Father, **intends** to give the church an **orderly transition** from Christianity as we have known it to Christianity as it will be. **There is time** but consideration and application **starts now**.

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1. The House of Prayer is the end of the age wineskin for the church. The prophets, apostles, the bible, Jesus as Lord of all and head of the church stays the same but administration changes. God will drive out His agenda through prayer and the foundation or flag ship will be the operation of His House of Prayer. God has an "end of the age 2 minute drill" for team Jesus.

# The storyline - Bride

## Beginning with the end of the story

Revelation 19:7-8 <sup>7</sup> "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready." <sup>8</sup> And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

- Bridal Paradigm: How He looks at us and we at Him.
- The effort of a fascinated lover and partner, **equally yoked** (2 Cor 6:14), not a laborer who expects a wage.
- One of her "righteous acts" – her **testimony**

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Fundamental paradigm – the bride/bridegroom. We are saved by faith through the blood of the lamb; sanctified and glorified but still the bride

1. The saints are referred to as the bride – intimacy, friendship, life long commitment, time together, commitment, fascination
2. There will be a bride. She will exert effort in the relationship. She gets ready.
3. Good news, bad news. Fundamentally, He will have a bride and be a bridegroom
4. One of the righteous acts stands out with great significance is found in Rev 5:8
5. No one in heaven will disdain being a lover and friend of Jesus!
  1. KJV 2 Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? God will not present a bride to His son who does not have a similar passion to His!

## Righteous Act: Bride's Testimony

**Revelation 12:11** <sup>11</sup> "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

- Clearly, the bride is fearless, devoted and determined – **one bride; no longer 7 churches of Asia**. Testimony "**witness**" (John 1:17)" or "reputation (1 Ti 3:7)".
- The Ark that Moses built was known as the "Ark of the **testimony**" (Exodus 31:7) or "tabernacle (tent) of testimony" (Exodus 38:21) – commandments, judgments & statutes were stored there. Dt 4:13-14; Dt 31:19-26 **singing testimony**
- David housed the Ark in his tent. (more to come).
- A Second "righteous act" – she **prayed a lot!**

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**Meaning:** testimony

**Origin:** from 3140

**Usage:** reputation(1), testimony(30), witness(1).

The Septuagint was a Greek translation of the Old Testament made around 250 BC. Since the Old Testament was primarily written in Hebrew and the New Testament was primarily written in common Greek, the LXX (abbreviation) provides an important tie between the Old and New. The bible translators chose "testimony" as the appropriate English word to translate Ex 31:7 and again in Rev12:11. The LXX word group, as used by Jewish scholars 250 years before Jesus matches what John used.

# Righteous Act: The Praying Bride

**Revelation 5:8 <sup>8</sup> *And when He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.***

- Just prior to the release of judgments (6-16), we are told that the golden bowls are full of prayer
- The time is right; the tipping point is reached
- Think of this as a countdown starting

1. Regardless of one's view of the last days, at the beginning of the seal judgments the bowls are full and John tells us that these are the prayers of the saints
2. Matt 13:38-41 God will remove everything that hinders love and all that offends – separating the wheat from the chaff
3. We are not told how the bowls were filled, or when, but the bride did get ready
4. The primary context for count down – Corporate Prayer; the elders, angels and creatures and of course the saints

## Praying Impact

Seals: First four: Conqueror, the sword to slay, famine, death - ¼ of the world die. Then the prayers of the Martyrs are added in seal five. The 6<sup>th</sup> seal judgment follows – every mountain moves, the stars fall from the sky and everyone left hides. It has a devastating effect (Revelation 6:9-10)

Trumpets: Judgment ratchets up and the trumpets start with the addition of more incense (prayer) to the prayers already on the altar. It is like an accelerant (Revelation 8:3-5).

The 6<sup>th</sup> trumpet is sounded from the horns of the incense altar – the place of prayer, and one third of mankind that is left dies (Revelation 9:13-14 )

**50% of the world dies and it is linked to prayer in some way!**

1. Regardless of how one interprets the book of Revelation, prayer or its regularly used symbol “incense” runs throughout the book.

## Bride's Dilemma

**Revelation 2:1-4** <sup>NAU</sup> **Revelation 2:1** "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ...<sup>2</sup> 'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, ...<sup>3</sup> and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup> **'But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.**

- The Bride who by very definition is a lover has left behind her first love.
- The very first local church to be reviewed and the very first problem is identified. **Busy but not in love.**
- She has not grown weary but nonetheless she has left the "first" commandment. **No Intimacy.**

1. She must move from Revelation 2 to Revelation 19:7-8
2. She must find Revelation 4 and 5 – heavenly house of prayer and participate

## Her Deepening Crisis

**Revelation 2:12, 14** <sup>12</sup> "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this: 'But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who... commit acts of immorality.

**Revelation 3:1** "To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God ... 'I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

- Some have this immoral condition and promote it (Rev 2:20)
- **Reputation**: alive but actually dead

## She Needs Nothing

**Revelation 3:14-17** <sup>14</sup> "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ... <sup>15</sup> 'I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot.... <sup>17</sup> 'Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked,

- Her testimony is marred and misleading.
- She believes she needs nothing
- **Prayer isn't even mentioned** until Rev 5:8

# Change of Heart

***The Bride of Rev 2-3 had an extreme makeover  
before the last days events of  
Rev 6-19***

- The OT is alluded to more often in the book of Revelation than in any other NT book.
- Her restoration appears in Revelation 4 & 5 but what happened? (More to come)
  - A full understanding of chapters 4 & 5 lies elsewhere in the OT.
  - The journey to do this begins with Joseph, later Moses then David but first a ***reality check: prayer today!***

## Resource Spend (Reality Check Today)

Assumption: We spend our resources – “time, treasure and talent” on what we consider to be our highest priorities. It is a **yardstick!**

In 2005, George Barna looked at church priorities as reflected in their stated policies

- Only 1 in 25 churches declared “prayer” as a top priority.
- Is our church part of the 24 or 1?

1. George Barna is a well known pollster
  1. If you want to evaluate your true priorities, take next week starting on Monday – 168 hours. Break down each hour into 15 minute increments and beside each interval log what you do. If you need further insight, look at where your money goes in a typical week or month if that better helps account for spending patterns.
  2. Proverbs 23:7 7 For as he thinks within himself, so he is. He says to you, "Eat and drink!" But his heart is not with you.
  3. Once you have what you do, it will accurately reflect how you think.
2. Burrow of labor status 2011 for adults age 24-54 w/children and who work, they have an average 4.5 hours (270 minutes) of discretionary time per day.

## A Quick Survey

In a 2004 English study, John Preston found that clergy spent 7 minutes a day in personal prayer – on average.

When expanding the study to include parishioners, it dropped to 4 minutes per day and this may be on the high side. ***The Western church is prayerless!***

Try your own survey. Divide the week into 15 minute intervals and track your time/dollar spend.

***How are your numbers?***

***Are we a Revelation 2 & 3 or 19:6-7 bride?***

***Need Makeover? ... On to Joseph then Moses***

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1. Church leaders from a range of denominations were invited to take part in the project. 2500 were UK churches, with 500 churches from Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the US. Preston received 5644 completed surveys from 344 churches (11%)
2. 1800 surveys on prayer carried out after seminars on prayer by former Evangelical Alliance Prayer Secretary, Brian Mills
3. These numbers are probably skewed in favor of those who pray more and responded to the survey and sent in their responses. The authors anticipated that the average minutes may be ***over stated***.

## Early Sharath

**Genesis 39:2-4** <sup>2</sup> *The LORD was with Joseph, so he became a successful man. ...* <sup>3</sup> *Now his master saw that the LORD was with him and how the LORD caused all that he did to prosper in his hand.* <sup>4</sup> *So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal **servant**; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge ...* <sup>6</sup> *So he left everything he owned in Joseph's charge; and with him there he did not concern himself with anything except the food which he ate...*

- Sharath (Hebrew word – **servant** or **service**) is first mentioned in connection with Joseph. He had **adversity** (sold into slavery), found **humility** and was **faithful**.
- The “service” of his “personal servant (sharath)” was left in Joseph’s hands entirely. **It was deeply satisfying** and noteworthy. The Lord was behind his service in a big way.

1. <sup>NAU</sup> **Genesis 39:4** So Joseph found favor in his sight and became his personal servant; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he owned he put in his charge.
2. <sup>NAU</sup> **Genesis 40:4** The captain of the bodyguard put Joseph in charge of them, and he took care of them; and they were in confinement for some time.

# Moses

Moses delivers Israel out of Egypt and proceeds to Mount Sinai for instructions.

- Exodus 13:21-22 – Cloud led them Day & Night
- Exodus 25:9-10 – Follow the Tabernacle Pattern
- Deuteronomy 31:19-26 – Kept the law beside the Ark (Commandments, Judgments & Statutes); Singing testimony
- Exodus 40:1-5 – Golden Incense Altar before Mercy Seat – closest object to the ark of the covenant
- Deuteronomy 12:5 – Commanded to Seek the Lord in the place He chooses

## Aaron Anointed, Ordained and Restricted

***Exodus 28:41-43 - <sup>41</sup> "You shall put them on Aaron your brother and on his sons with him; and you shall anoint them and ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve Me as priests. <sup>42</sup> "You shall make for them linen breeches to cover their bare flesh; ... when they enter the tent of meeting, or when they approach the altar to minister in the holy place, so that they do not incur guilt and die...***

- Exodus 26:33-36, Num 1:50-53 – ***Restricted:*** Ark, Holy of Holies, Holy, Court, Levites, Camp and Unclean; Separate; hidden; protected; liturgical; ***otherwise lethal.***
- ***Minister – “sharath” in the holy place;***
- Aaron was to sharath the Lord; the Levites sharath Aaron (Num 3:6-7); ***Can you grow a heart to Sharath?***

1. It was a difficult time for Aaron. He facilitated the building and worship of the golden calf (Ex 32:4) and lost two of his sons in inappropriate worship (Lev 16:1). One wonders if he felt a mixture of shame and anger. Yet he learned to Sharath the Lord.

## Seeking Dilemma

***Numbers 17:12-13*** <sup>12</sup> ***Then the sons of Israel spoke to Moses, saying, "Behold, we perish, we are dying, we are all dying!"*** <sup>13</sup> ***"Everyone who comes near, who comes near to the tabernacle of the LORD, must die. Are we to perish completely?"***

- Seeking the Lord and “Sharath” would not be on the mind of most.
- Not a great bridegroom impact!
- Moses, however, was different...

## Adversity Training & Waiting

**Acts 7:22-23, 29-30** <sup>22</sup> *"Moses was educated in all the learning of the Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds."* <sup>23</sup> *"But when he was approaching the age of forty, it entered his mind to visit his brethren, the sons of Israel ..."* <sup>29</sup> *"At this remark, MOSES FLED AND BECAME AN ALIEN IN THE LAND OF MIDIAN, where he became the father of two sons."* <sup>30</sup> *"After forty years had passed, AN ANGEL APPEARED TO HIM IN THE WILDERNESS OF MOUNT Sinai, IN THE FLAME OF A BURNING THORN BUSH."*

- He had the skill and training. He had a heart to help his people but he lacked something that only time (**delay**) and **adversity** (desert) would help.
- Moses spends **40 years** in the wilderness waiting for God.

## Exceptional Access

Moses was different! Sharath is not mentioned but ...

- Exodus 33:7-11 – Moses had **Face to Face** with God his **friend; not restricted (Why?)**
- Numbers 12:6 – **Faithful** in all my household
- Numbers 12:3 – **Humble** Man; Like Joseph?
- Exodus 33:13-19 – **Presence**; Not just Instructions
- Deuteronomy 9:18-19 – **Fasted** Lifestyle & **Intercession**; he cried out for the people!
- Numbers 16:1-3 – Men of Renown who thought Moses exalted himself (Dathan & friends). They wanted power to rule ***not access to sharath the Lord!***

## Clue: Israel Actually Unfaithful

***Amos 5:25-27*** <sup>25</sup> ***"Did you present Me with sacrifices and grain offerings in the wilderness for forty years, O house of Israel?"*** <sup>26</sup> ***"You also carried along Sikkuth your king and Kiyyun, your images, the star of your gods which you made for yourselves."*** <sup>27</sup> ***"Therefore, I will make you go into exile beyond Damascus," says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.***

– Unfaithful: spiritually immoral (Rev 2-3 issues?)

## Wilderness Betrothals

**Jeremiah 2:2-9** <sup>2</sup> "Go and proclaim in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, 'Thus says the LORD, "I remember concerning you the devotion of your youth, The love of your betrothals, Your following after Me in the wilderness, Through a land not sown." <sup>3</sup> "Israel was holy to the LORD, The first of His harvest. All who ate of it became guilty; Evil came upon them," declares the LORD."

- **Bridegroom pain and disappointment.** Separation makes sense! **You are not ready for My Son!**
- **Does God have a Sharath training plan for us?**

## Summary

- The bridal paradigm: It is how God views us and how we are to view Him. ***This is the core of the HOP.***
- At the end of the story, the Bride gets ready: she is equally yoked, has a testimony and prays relentlessly. Today, she is immoral, with a hollow testimony. She needs nothing. In the last days she changes (Rev 4-5) and clues are laid out in the OT.
- The delight of Joseph's "Sharath" to his Egyptian masters
- Moses, like Joseph, adversity, humility, faithfulness
- Moses had exceptional access to God. Other access is restricted; potentially lethal. Israel unfaithful!
- Aaron and the Levites learning to "Sharath"
- Sharath training plan from the Bridegroom God?

# Night and Day Prayer According to David

Part 2  
Samuel & David



## Samuel Before the Ark

**1 Samuel 3:2-4** <sup>2</sup> *It happened at that time as Eli was lying down in his place (now his eyesight had begun to grow dim and he could not see well), <sup>3</sup> and the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was, <sup>4</sup> that the LORD called Samuel; and he said, "Here I am."*

- Samuel appears to sleep near the Ark of the Covenant or at least in close proximity – perhaps in the holy place where the “lamp” of God was located. **And he lived!**
- Eli slept in some other room and had to help coach Samuel on listening to the Lord’s voice.

# Samuel “sharathed” the Lord

**1 Samuel 2:11** <sup>11</sup> *Then Elkanah went to his home at Ramah. **But the boy ministered to the LORD before Eli the priest.***

- From an early age, Samuel was ministering in the temple - perhaps age 4-5 on.
- Little family contact (**Adversity?**)
- He had unusual access (not restricted) to the Lord like Moses. Samuel “sharathed”
- Josephus believed that Samuel was about 12 (**time delay**) when the word of the Lord came.

- 1. 1 Samuel 2:35 - 3:4** <sup>35</sup> 'But I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who will do according to what is in My heart and in My soul; and I will build him an enduring house, and he will walk before My anointed always. <sup>36</sup> 'Everyone who is left in your house will come and bow down to him for a piece of silver or a loaf of bread and say, "Please assign me to one of the priest's offices so that I may eat a piece of bread.'" <sup>NAU</sup> **1 Samuel 3:1** Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD before Eli. And word from the LORD was rare in those days, visions were infrequent. <sup>2</sup> It happened at that time as Eli was lying down in his place (now his eyesight had begun to grow dim *and* he could not see *well*), <sup>3</sup> and the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God *was*, <sup>4</sup> that the LORD called Samuel; and he said, "Here I am." See next slide
- 2. 1 Chronicles 6:33-34** <sup>33</sup> These are those who served with their sons: From the sons of the Kohathites *were* Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel, <sup>34</sup> the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah,

# Word of the Lord

**1 Samuel 3:19-21** <sup>19</sup> *Thus Samuel grew and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fail.* <sup>20</sup> *All Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the LORD.* <sup>21</sup> *And the LORD appeared again at Shiloh, because the LORD revealed Himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the LORD.*

- Like Joseph; **God had delight in Samuel's service!**
- Samuel was more than a priest. He acted as a judge (kingdom), intercessor, and prophet (1 Sam 7:6-9)
- God promised Eli that He would raise up a **faithful priest** (1 Sam 2:35). Two verses later, along came Samuel (1 Sam 3:1). (Priest and King? Rev 5:10)

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1. **1 Samuel 7:6-9** <sup>6</sup> They gathered to Mizpah, and drew water and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day and said there, "We have sinned against the LORD." And Samuel judged the sons of Israel at Mizpah. <sup>7</sup> Now when the Philistines heard that the sons of Israel had gathered to Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the sons of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines. <sup>8</sup> Then the sons of Israel said to Samuel, "Do not cease to cry to the LORD our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines." <sup>9</sup> Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it for a whole burnt offering to the LORD; and Samuel cried to the LORD for Israel and the LORD answered him.
2. **Revelation 5:10** <sup>10</sup> "You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

# The Tent

David comes about 400 years after Moses and sets up a tent (Hebrew "**ohel**") in Jerusalem for the Ark that he retrieves from Abinadab's house (Obed-Edom's house) where it had been **stored – not in use. This is a radical departure from Moses.**

- 1 Chronicles 25:1, 7 – He Appointed 288 skilled Levitical Singers who were to prophesy with lyres, harps and cymbals **in his tent (tabernacle). Nobody dies!**
- 1 Chronicles 23:5 – 4,000 Band members & 4,000 Gatekeepers.

1. The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy (Rev 19:10)

# David

David was personally committed: Sharath training?

- 2 Samuel 6:22 Humility; 1 Samuel 24:11 Adversity
- 1 Samuel 22:14 Faithful , like Joseph, Samuel (Moses)
- 1 Chronicles 28:19 – Supernatural Origin of the Pattern
- Psalm 69:9-13 – Zeal for Your House (David's tent)  
Consumes me; no reputation; weeping, fasting, reproach
- 1 Sam 16:13 Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David
- 1 Chronicles 22:14 – Great pains to Prepare; treasure  
\$200+ Billion given in todays dollars (just gold and silver)
- Psalm 57:8-9 – Singing and playing his harp – talent
- David: time, treasure and talent guy!

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1. **2 Samuel 6:22** <sup>22</sup> "I will be more lightly esteemed than this and will be humble in my own eyes, but with the maids of whom you have spoken, with them I will be distinguished."
2. **Psalm 25:5** <sup>5</sup> Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day.

## David's Reference Point

*Psalm 27:4 <sup>4</sup> **One thing** I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: **That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD And to meditate in His temple** <sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His **tabernacle**; In the secret place of His **tent** He will hide me...*

- David had a 'one thing' desire to dwell with the Lord. He set his heart to seek His face and gaze on His beauty. David's reference point for being a **warrior, head of state, father, husband** and **worshiper (band)**.
- All the days – time dimension
- The beauty of God is more bridal paradigm language.
- **Tent, house of the Lord, temple, tabernacle** – the same to David. It took place in David's tent in Jerusalem;
- The HOP (Is 55:6-7) – the House of Prayer for all nations ...

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1. And David described the tent as the "house of the Lord" his temple, palace (hekal). We will use Isaiah's description – House of Prayer (Is 55:6-7)

## Ordered Day

***Psalm 5:3,7 <sup>3</sup> In the morning, O LORD, Thou wilt hear my voice; In the morning I will order my prayer to Thee and eagerly watch. ...<sup>7</sup> But as for me, by Thine abundant lovingkindness I will enter Thy house, At Thy holy temple I will bow in reverence for Thee.***

- David, a non Levite, went in the morning to His tent to wait on the Lord. It was his **reference point**.
- He “ordered” his day in the context of the HOP. Once again, **David drove his life from the prayer room**. He got his day timer out and made it work!

1. David ordered his day around the Lord and went out to do life as required. The modern paradigm is the opposite: doing life and spending time with the Lord as needed.

# Ministering Before the Ark

**1 Chronicles 16:4-7** <sup>4</sup> ¶ And he appointed some of the Levites as **ministers before the ark of the LORD, ...**<sup>5</sup> **Asaph the chief, ... with musical instruments, harps, lyres; also Asaph played loud-sounding cymbals, ... continually ...**<sup>7</sup> ¶ Then on that day David first assigned **Asaph and his relatives to give thanks to the LORD.**

- Asaph was in charge of the tent. He was a Levite not a priest. Zadok, the priest (1 Chr 16:39) stayed at Gibeon 30 miles away to manage the Mosaic sacrifices. Separate from the HOP!
- The team “sharathed” - ministered to the Lord directly; lit. **in the face of the Ark of the Lord** . Instrumentally assisted intercession, praise & worship at David’s direction for the **delight of the Lord 24/7**.

1. (1Ch 9:33 NAU) <sup>3</sup> Now these are the singers, heads of fathers' *households* of the Levites, *who lived* in the chambers of the temple free from other service; for they were engaged in their work day and night.

# Seeking, Declaring, Remembering

1 Chronicles 16:8-12 <sup>8</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples. <sup>9</sup> Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders. <sup>10</sup> Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be glad. <sup>11</sup> Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face continually. <sup>12</sup> Remember His wonderful deeds which He has done, His marvels and the judgments from His mouth... statute... <sup>31</sup> Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."

- In song, in words (declarations), requests (call upon); Remember (reflect), To seek the Lord – His presence; To give thanks and praise (1 Chr 16:7) ; To remember ‘**judgments, statutes**’ (Singing Testimony? Deut 31:26) – God’s words; **rejoice** (1 Chr 16:31)

# David's Tent

In David's tent you would find Levites

- 1 Chronicles 15:22 – Skillful Singing
- Psalm 134:1 Engaged in the **night watch** too
- 1 Chronicles 9:33 –Free from Other Service to make **24/7** work
- 1 Chronicles 25:7-8 – The Schedule Decided by Lot
- 1 Chronicles 17:23-24 – Prayer of Agreement; “**You said it, let it be so.**”

## Amen: Agreement with God

The prayer around the Ark of the Covenant expressed agreement with God. Mike Bickle has provided this helpful definition.

- When we agree with who He is we call it worship and praise. **You are beautiful, majestic, righteous, I love You ...**
- When we agree with his purposes, we call it intercession. **You want justice in the land, natural supply, supernatural supply, protection, and the nations to come...**
- אָמֵן *amen* **Meaning:** *verily, truly*
- This can be done in song or spoken word and other communication media. (Music makes it sweet!)

(1Ch 17:23-24 NAU) <sup>23</sup> "Now, O LORD, let the word that You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house be established forever, and do as You have spoken.

<sup>24</sup> "Let Your name be established and magnified forever, saying, 'The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel, *even* a God to Israel; and the house of David Your servant is established before You.'

## Delay

***Psalm 27:14*** <sup>14</sup> ***Wait for the LORD; Be strong and let your heart take courage; Yes, wait for the LORD.***

***Psalm 25:5*** <sup>5</sup> ***Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; For You I wait all the day.***

- Waiting on and for the Lord was not negotiable! It was a strong component of the HOP and is a ***“filter”***.

## Who May Ascend?

**Psalm 24:3-6** <sup>3</sup> *Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place?* <sup>4</sup> *He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood And has not sworn deceitfully.* <sup>5</sup> *He shall receive a blessing from the LORD And righteousness from the God of his salvation.* <sup>6</sup> *This is the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face-- even Jacob. Selah.*

- **Impossible requirements** except for the generation that **seeks His face!** **Restricted** but **merciful exceptions!**
- David discovered that **God cleans “hands & hearts”** Ps:51:7-10 “... Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow... <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart...”

1. Those who embrace repentance, forgiveness and restoration from God will ascend. David was a forgiven man.
2. Psalm 15 and 24 may well have occurred before 51 when David discovered the God who cleans hands and hearts or it may be David’s testimony based on his experience.
3. **Psalm 51:7-10** <sup>7</sup> Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which You have broken rejoice. <sup>9</sup> Hide Your face from my sins And blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

# Only The Blameless

*Psalm 101:6-7* <sup>6</sup> My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may  **dwell with me**; He who walks in a  **blameless way** is the one who will  **minister to me**. <sup>7</sup> He who  **practices deceit** shall not dwell within my house; He who  **speaks falsehood** shall not maintain his position before me.

- David speaking: Only the  **blameless will sharath**.  **David would follow God in this**. Ps 5:4-5
- Those who  **practice** deceit can arrive but will not dwell. They won't be able to  **maintain** their position before the Lord in His house – the HOP. They are  **restricted!** It is a  **filter**.

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1. It is like the body scan at airports. God detects the  **heart** condition that may not be obvious to others.
2. If we do not give God the opportunity to clean our heart and hands we will have opportunity to drift away from the HOP. The HOP is for the blameless.

(Psa 5:4-5 NAU) <sup>4</sup> For You are not a God <sup>a</sup>who takes pleasure in wickedness; <sup>b</sup>No evil <sup>1</sup>dwells with You.

<sup>5</sup> The <sup>a</sup>boastful shall not <sup>b</sup>stand before Your eyes; You <sup>c</sup>hate all who do iniquity.

# Forever

***Psalm 23:6 <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.***

- David expected to do “night and day” intercessory worship **forever**. It was designed to be **sustainable**. It was not the hundred yard dash but the marathon!
- The House of Lord or House of Prayer (HOP), the description Isaiah gave, would somehow continue after natural history.
- It was the destination; **strategic not tactical!**

## Summary

- Samuel, like Moses, had exceptional access. It was ***not restricted***. Movement away from Moses continues.
- David: ***devoted, humble***, accustomed to ***adversity***, forgiven, ***faithful*** - a fasting, bearing reproach, “time, treasure and talent” guy and ***not restricted***.
- David’s divine revelation to “***sharath***” the Lord directly in a tent before the face of the Ark. The Levites ***instrumentally assisted night and day intercession and song*** around His ***testimony – commandments, judgments and statutes***
- ***Seekers allow Him to clean their hands and hearts and will be blameless and able to dwell with Him in His tent. Others will slip out the door. The HOP is a filter***

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1. C.S. Lewis in the Great Divorce described people coming from hell to visit heaven. Inevitably, they return because they won’t confront their own sin. They won’t agree with Heaven’s assessment and they depart back to hell (grey city) – their abode. This is a great picture of “not maintaining their position” in David’s tent.
2. (Theologically, there is no movement from hell. Once there, there you stay.) Though no one likes hell and wishes to get out, no one in hell will want to dwell with Jesus. The fiery desire to dwell with Jesus is a trademark feature of the saints.

# Night and Day Prayer According to David

## Part 3

The Mission, Decline & Prophets



## HOP Mission: Him

**Psalm 27:8 <sup>8</sup> When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, O LORD, I shall seek."**

- **Mission: First Commandment (Deut 6:5); The sharath of the blameless (Psalm 101:6-7)**
- **Intimacy (first love)** is "job one". Psa 27:4 one thing; intentional; life long

**Psalm 23:6 <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

- God's Lovingkindness – His Covenant faithfulness (chesed);

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1. Ford – Quality is Job One
2. (1Co 14:12 NAU) <sup>12</sup> So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek to abound for the edification of the church.
3. (1Co 14:26 NAU) <sup>26</sup> What is *the outcome* then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

## HOP Mission: Us

***Psalm 17:7-8*** <sup>7</sup> ***Wondrously show Your lovingkindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at Your right hand From those who rise up against them.*** <sup>8</sup> ***Keep me as the apple of the eye; Hide me in the shadow of Your wings.***

- ***Mission: 2<sup>nd</sup> commandment (Lev 19:18) – Refuge, a hidden place, Psalm 36:7;***
- ***Psalm 31:19-20 – No Strife of Tongues & Conspiracies of Men***
- God was David's refuge whether in the tent or not (Psa 34) but he seemed to experience it best in the hidden place of his tent

1. **Psalm 103:1-5** <sup>NAU</sup> **Psalm 103:1** *A Psalm of David. Bless the LORD, O my soul, And all that is within me, **ble**ss His holy name. <sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits; <sup>3</sup> Who pardons all your iniquities, **Who heals all your diseases;** <sup>4</sup> Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; <sup>5</sup> **Who satisfies your years with good things,** *So that your youth is renewed like the eagle.**
2. (Psa 31:19-20 NAU) <sup>19</sup> How great is Your goodness, Which You have stored up for those who fear You, Which You have wrought for those who take refuge in You, Before the sons of men! <sup>20</sup> You hide them in the secret place of Your presence from the conspiracies of man; You keep them secretly in a shelter from the strife of tongues.
3. (Lev 19:18 NAU) <sup>NAU</sup> **Leviticus 19:18** *'You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.*
4. Ford – Quality is Job One

## Night & Day Evil

***Psalm 55:8-11*** <sup>8</sup> "I would hasten to my place of refuge From the stormy wind and tempest." <sup>9</sup> ***Confuse, O Lord, divide their tongues, For I have seen violence and strife in the city.*** <sup>10</sup> ***Day and night they go around her upon her walls; And iniquity and mischief are in her midst.*** <sup>11</sup> ***Destruction ... is in her streets***

- David's declarations in God's court, his place of refuge, over what is "in" not just coming "towards" the city
- It is interesting to recognize that **evil operates like intercession** - night and day on the wall (Is 62). It is organized and has vision over the city! Satan accuses the brethren "night and day" (Rev 12:10) and doesn't quit
- **Mission:** Look into the city; pray out mischief and iniquity

## Night & Day Court

*Psalm 55:16-17, 19<sup>16</sup> As for me, I shall call upon God, And the LORD will save me. <sup>17</sup> Evening and morning and at noon, I will complain and murmur, And He will hear my voice ... <sup>19</sup> God will hear and answer them-- Even the one who sits enthroned from of old-- Selah.*

- David would drop in and cry out **evening** or at **night** (Psa 57:8-9), **morning** and at **lunch**
- Murmur - to murmur, growl, **roar**, be boisterous; **the language of the advocate before the judge**
- **Mission: The Judge is hearing and deciding cases 24/7**

## Intercession – City

*Psalm 122:4-9* <sup>4</sup> *To which the tribes **go up**, even the tribes of the LORD-- An **ordinance** for Israel-- To give thanks to the name of the LORD...* <sup>6</sup> ***Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:** "May they prosper who love you."* <sup>7</sup> *"May peace be within your walls, And **prosperity within your palaces.**"* <sup>8</sup> *For the sake of my **brothers and my friends**, I will now say, "May peace be within you."* <sup>9</sup> *For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.*

- Intercession for the welfare of the **city**; the house of the Lord and his **brothers** and friends benefited. He was an intercessor like Moses; Commanded practice!
- Mission: The HOP **looked inward** to **bless**

# All Men will be Drawn

*Psalm 65:2-4* <sup>2</sup> *O You who hear prayer, To You **all men come**.* <sup>3</sup> *Iniquities prevail against me; As for our transgressions, You forgive them.* <sup>4</sup> *How blessed is the one whom You choose and **bring near to You To dwell in Your courts. We will be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, Your holy temple.***

- All men (flesh). **How will they all fit in the House?**
- David expected the Lord to draw all men to come, dwell encounter and be **satisfied** in God's house – David's tent
- **Goodness** "tub" (375c) **Usage:** best things(1), **bounty**(2), **glad**(2), goodness(10), prosperity(3), **well**(1) – body, mind and soul? (Psalm 23:6; 103:1-5)
- The HOP was a missions strategy! **Looking out. Inviting others**

## Personal Petition

**Ps. 20:2-5** <sup>2</sup> *May He send you help from the sanctuary And support you from Zion!* <sup>3</sup> *May He remember all your meal offerings And find your burnt offering acceptable! Selah.* <sup>4</sup> *May He grant you your heart's desire And fulfill all your counsel!* <sup>5</sup> *We will sing for joy over your victory, And in the name of our God we will set up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.*

- He wanted God to fulfill all the petitions offered in the HOP. Help comes from the sanctuary in Zion (David's tent). God cares about the *heart's desire* and wants to take *counsel* with petitioners. **Mission**; personal petition.
- This is the bridegroom God. Victory is literally *salvation*. There is a celebratory note in advance of the petition's fulfillment and after.

1. **John 16:13-14** <sup>13</sup> "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. <sup>14</sup> "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.

# Revelation

*Psalm 36:7-9 – <sup>7</sup> How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! And the children of men take **refuge** in the shadow of Your wings. <sup>8</sup> They drink their fill of the **abundance** of Your house; And You give them to drink of the **river of Your delights**. <sup>9</sup> For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light.*

- **Insight** comes in the HOP. (1 Cor 2:11-14). Great place to study; (Gift development in the HOP?)
- John 16:14 “He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will **disclose** it to you”
- **Mission**: Facilitate revelatory insight, Abundance of His house and river of His delights - restoration

## Fellowship

***Psalm 55:14 <sup>14</sup> We who had sweet fellowship together Walked in the house of God in the thronq.***

- **Mission:** Prayer leads to fellowship!
- An undifferentiated thronq, in agreement. It has the flavor of “one bride”.
- In this instance, David refers to a friend that has wounded him. The HOP is not a panacea for life. Failure in relationships can occur anywhere – even amongst those in the house.
- David’s generation struggled to avoid evil and live in righteousness. Jerusalem was far from perfect.

1. It was better to live in Jerusalem when the HOP was functioning than to live in Damascus where there was no HOP.

## HOP Declines

Solomon started well but David's practice began to decline.

- 2 Chronicles 35:7-15 – **HOP Command of David**
- 2 Chronicles 8:11-14 – Two Streams: Gibeon (Moses) & Jerusalem (David) Merge with Solomon 43 years later
- 2 Chronicles 7:15-16 - Attentive to the Prayer of repentance offered **in the house** (2 Chr 7:14); **content and context matters!** Come back to the HOP Israel!
- 2 Chronicles 20:1, 9 – **Model** is Followed by Jehoshaphat
  - 2 Chronicles 20:21-22 – Singers are up front leading the army to War; God wipes out the invaders as worship starts;
  - 2 Chronicles 20:25 – Big Spoils;
  - 2 Chronicles 20:28-29 – Dread of God falls for a time on the nations

1. The HOP was designed for personal and corporate prayer and God watched the house for it (2 Chr 7:15)
2. (2Ch 6:37-39 NAU) <sup>37</sup> if they take thought in the land where they are taken captive, and repent and make supplication to You in the land of their captivity, saying, 'We have sinned, we have committed iniquity and have acted wickedly'; <sup>38</sup> if they return to You with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, where they have been taken captive, and pray toward their land which You have given to their fathers and the city which You have chosen, and toward the house which I have built for Your name, <sup>39</sup> then hear from heaven, from Your dwelling place, their prayer and supplications, and maintain their cause and forgive Your people who have sinned against You. ***“Bring them back to the land and their HOP is implied in this prayer!”***
3. ***The goal of 2 Chr 7:14 was not simply an appeal to avoidance undesirable consequences but a call to return to the HOP lifestyle.***

## Rendered Blind

**Isaiah 6:9-10** <sup>9</sup> He said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on listening, but do not perceive; Keep on looking, but do not understand.'<sup>10</sup> "Render the hearts of this people insensitive, Their ears dull, And their eyes dim, **Otherwise** they might see with their eyes, Hear with their ears, Understand with their hearts, And return and be healed."

- Isaiah is blunt. A history of sin has sucked the life out of Israel (300 years after David). **The bride won't come!**
- It is a heart issue – the language of the bridal paradigm.
- Isaiah is instructed to render Israel deaf and blind. Later in Chapter 59, he elaborates on the depth of Israel's sin.

1. The nation can't cry out as Solomon directed because they are lost in sin
2. God is so distressed with the heart of Israel that He commands Isaiah to render their hearts insensitive, their eyes dim and ears dull.

## No One To Intercede

***Isaiah 59:16 <sup>16</sup> And He saw that there was no man, And was astonished that there was no one to intercede; Then His own arm brought salvation to Him, And His righteousness upheld Him.***

- The terrible list of sins was given (v1-15) and there was no one to intercede. God Himself was astonished! Moses who interceded is gone. David, who would intercede for Jerusalem in the HOP, was gone.
- The HOP was gone until Hezekiah and failed after him until Josiah and then failed again.
- Israel was HOP resistant.

## David's Promised Tent

**Isaiah 16:5 <sup>5</sup> A throne will even be established in lovingkindness, And a judge will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent (ohel) of David; Moreover, he will seek justice And be prompt in righteousness.**

- A future HOP day is on the way.
- You could come before the King and bring your petition (Matt 6:9-10).
- The functioning HOP will be the highest court in the land! God's presence (throne) will be in the HOP.
- **Isaiah 6:1** *I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.*

## Longing to be Gracious

**Isaiah 30:18-19** <sup>18</sup> *Therefore the LORD longs to be gracious to you, And therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; How blessed are all those who long for Him.* <sup>19</sup> *O people in Zion, inhabitant in Jerusalem, you will weep no longer. He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry; when He hears it, He will answer you.*

- God waits for Israel to return to the HOP and cry out for help as Solomon instructed.
- He is **longing** for it; wants to be compassionate - again the bridegroom language. Where is my bride?
- Hezekiah avoids Assyria but it is short term

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1. **Isaiah 30:31-32** <sup>31</sup> For at the voice of the LORD Assyria will be terrified, *When He strikes with the rod.* <sup>32</sup> And every blow of the rod of punishment, Which the LORD will lay on him, Will be with *the music of tambourines and lyres*; And in battles, brandishing weapons, He will fight them. **Night watch!**
2. **2 Kings 19:35** <sup>35</sup> Then it happened that **night** that the angel of the LORD went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when men rose early in the morning, behold, all of them were dead.

## The Witness to the People

**Isaiah 55:3-4** <sup>3</sup> "Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an **everlasting covenant with you, According to the faithful mercies shown to David.** <sup>4</sup> "Behold, I have made him **a witness to the peoples, A leader and commander for the peoples.**

- God provides a startling view of David.
- **David was a divine role model for the nation.** The word for people is not just Israel the word is used more broadly "**people** (ethnic communities), Gen 25:33" The greater David would have a worldwide impact and following. David is the **Gold Standard.**

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1. **Matthew 28:19-20** <sup>19</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to **observe all that I commanded** you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

## Foreigners in God's House

**Isaiah 56:6-7** <sup>6</sup> "Also the **foreigners** who join themselves to the LORD, **To minister to Him, and to love the name of the LORD, To be His servants, everyone who keeps from profaning the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant;** <sup>7</sup> **Even those I will bring to My holy mountain,**

- **Foreigners** will "sharath" the Lord! Israel is **blind** and **deaf** (Isa 6:10)! It started with Joseph. It is what Aaron learned to do in the tabernacle (Ex 28:35). It is what the Levites did (Num 1:50). It is what Samuel did before the Ark (1 Sam 2:11). It is what happened in David's tent (1 Chr 6:32). It is what Asaph, the leader of David's tent was charged to do (1 Chr 16:4).

# House of Prayer

**Isaiah 56:7** *Foreigners ... make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar; For My house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples*

- The fundamental, foundational characteristic of God’s House – **prayer. 24/7 in the face of the Lord with intercession and worship like David (Is 55:3-4).**
- It had a clear “missions” mandate – “for all the peoples”. ‘For’ all the people. It is particle: to, towards, for, belong to, by. It is possible to translate or at least understand this loosely as a **“HOP that foreigners will drive”** – perhaps looking ahead in time. (like NOW!)
- God’s house should be a house of prayer. It is an imperfect verb – **continuing action into the future.**

1. “By” Hebrew construction example. <sup>42</sup> It is a night to be observed for the LORD for having brought them out from the land of Egypt; this night is for the LORD, to be observed **by all** the sons of Israel throughout their generation.” (Exod 12:42).

## Promise: Night and Day

**Isaiah 62:6-7** <sup>6</sup> *On your **walls**, O Jerusalem, I have **appointed watchmen**; **All day and all night they will never keep silent**. You **who remind the LORD**, **take no rest for yourselves**;* <sup>7</sup> *And give Him no rest until He establishes And makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth.*

- God’s solution to a fallen Israel is released. It is the **HOP revitalized**.
- **Watchman** – foreigners? Looking out and looking in from the “walls”, owning the gates, night and day intercession, giving God no rest (Psa 132:3-5)
- Tied to the destiny of **Jerusalem and Jewish recovery**.
- *Intimacy invites (Isa 62:4-5) and then propels night and day prayer until...*

(Zec 12:10-11 NAU) <sup>10</sup> "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

<sup>11</sup> "In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

# HOPlessness Leads to Slavery

**Ezra 9:9** <sup>9</sup> *"For we are slaves; yet in our bondage our God has not forsaken us, but has extended lovingkindness to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us reviving to raise up the house of our God, to restore its ruins and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem.*

- 300 year later, Ezra himself is now in Judah. The 2<sup>nd</sup> temple has now been built but Nehemiah has not come and the walls are still broken down and the gates burned with fire.
- A natural wall for Judah would be a big undertaking. A revived HOP in Jerusalem would provide Judah such a wall.
- **The HOP will draw men (Psa 65:2-4). Watchman will look out warn and shield from danger; looking inward to dispel mischief, break bondage and pray prosperity (Psa 122:4-9)**

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1. "Giving a wall in Judah" is likely a spiritual application. The actual wall was broken and wouldn't be fixed for another 12 years when Nehemiah arrived. David, when he confessed his Bathsheba sin, asked God to "build the wall" of Jerusalem in Psa 51:14-19. He understood what his sin had done. God told Isaiah that He would put intercessors on the wall to cry out for Jerusalem (Is 62) – in essence the house of prayer. This request for a "wall" may be an allusion to what the HOP brings to the table and to what sin and removal of the HOP can also bring – exposure to the enemies of God and slavery.
2. Ezekiel speaks of a future time when the cities of Judah have **no physical walls (Ez 38:11)**
3. <sup>NAU</sup> **Ezra 6:14** And the elders of the Jews were successful in building through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they finished **building** according to the command of the God of Israel and the decree of Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia.
4. Language of Amos 9:11-13
5. No Ark in the picture. It drops out of history after Josiah (2 Chr 35:1) and Jeremiah

## Malachi – Global Incense

**Malachi 1:11** "For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My name will be great among the nations," says the LORD of hosts

- Malachi sees **global** offering of incense (prayer, Psa 142:2) – an acceptable gift offered to the Lord. Incense will be offered among the nations. Place – **locations**; physical not spiritual; (**1 Cor 6:19**); Beware of **rugged American individualism**; a measure of our faith will only be **grasped together in a place of incense**.
- The cults understand "place", Islam understands "place"
- Grain offering, Lit "a tribute that is pure". Grain is assumed by the translators. A better translation would be "**incense, a tribute that is pure, will be offered in every place**". **Lots of HOP's coming!**

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**Meaning:** a standing place, place

**Origin:** from 6965

**Usage:** anywhere\*(1), area(1), country(1), direction(1), everywhere\*(1), ground(2), home(7), home town(1), localities(1), place(348), place suitable(1), places(16), position(1), room(3), seat\*(2), site(4), sites(1), some(1), source(1), space(1), space\*(1), where\*(1), wherever(1), wherever\*(2).

We are the temple of the Lord (1 Cor 3:16) but this isn't the thought in this passage. This is not the 250 million Christians temples around the world who love and obey Jesus. **1 Corinthians 6:19** <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? **Psalm 141:2** May my prayer be counted as incense before Thee; The lifting up of my hands as the evening offering.

**David sets the equation. His prayers are as "incense" and his worship like "sacrifice".**

## New Testament Introduction

***No clear New Testament command exists to abandon Davidic Intercessory worship.*** There is no indication that “night and day” prayer was ever fulfilled. Old Covenant commands, unless specifically abrogated in the New Covenant or fulfilled, still apply (10 commandments).

***There is no clear statement by Jesus or apostles to fully implement the HOP vision as a normative practice for the church. However,*** the New Testament does quietly shout out HOP and Luke does speak of a restoration of the HOP. ***Must look under the covers!***

# Summary

- The HOP experienced repeated failure and revival.
- Mission: **Sharath of the Lord (intimacy); night and day (on the wall); city wide impact** (looking in, mischief, prosperity); **Draw** men (**evangelism**) – looking out, protection; **Fellowship; Petition (personal and corporate); refuge; Courts (justice);**
- **Evil operates from the wall. And the HOP is the antidote.**
- A **future Davidic tent** where a judge will dispense justice
- David is a “**witness**”, a **testimony** for the people. He is the **gold standard – the point of reference for all future kings of Israel and for the people. The HOP was his one thing pursuit.**
- God’s House is a HOP **for all the nations**. This is its fundamental characteristic. **Foreigners will sharath** the Lord and God will bring them to His house. They will pray for restoration of Israel and the praise of Jerusalem.
- **Incense (places)** would go “**global**” in the days ahead!

# Night and Day Prayer According to David

Part 4

New Testament & Beyond



# Catch up Summary

- The bride: equally yoked lover, vibrant testimony, extravagant intercessor
- The “Sharath” of Joseph before his Egyptian masters and their **delight**
- Moses, Joseph, David: **adversity, humility, faithfulness**
- David’s divine revelation to “**sharath**” the Lord directly in a tent before the face of the Ark. The Levites **instrumentally assisted night and day intercession and song** around His **testimony – commandments, judgments and statutes**
- **Seekers allow Him to clean their hands and hearts and will be blameless and able to dwell with Him in His tent. Others will slip out the door.**
- Mission: **Intimacy; 24/7**; Draw men; **Fellowship; Petition (personal and corporate); refuge; Courts-justice; city wide impact** (looking in, pray out mischief, iniquity and pray in prosperity); (looking out, protection);
- **Jehoshaphat**: HOP restored; First in battle; supernatural booty; dread falls
- Coming **Davidic tent** where a judge will dispense justice; David is the model. **Incense (places)** would go “**global**” in the days ahead!
- God’s House is a HOP **for (by) all the nations: This is its** fundamental characteristic. **Foreigners who love the Lord will sharath in His House.** They will pray for restoration of Israel and the praise of Jerusalem.

## Gospel Clues – Under the Radar

- Luke 2:36-38 – Anna “night and day”; in the temple with fastings and petitions (pray); redemption of Jerusalem; 60+ years (sees Jesus)
- Luke 10:39-42 – Mary chooses the Good part – face time at Jesus’ feet. She is a “one thing” women.
- John 2:13-17 – Jesus has Zeal for His House (Courts) - Davidic prayer; Additionally, Jesus approves personal prayer and small group prayer (Matt 6:6; 18:20).
- Luke 18:1-8 – Elect praying night and day for Justice; and not losing Heart (waiting; perseverance).
- Luke 21:34-36 – Be Alert & Praying at all Times
- Matthew 6:9-10 – Intercession for God’s Kingdom to Come – on earth as it is in heaven

## Early Church Clues

- Acts 2:42 – Believers **Devoted**, **Continual** Praying
- Acts 6:2-4 – Apostles: Prayer & **Devotion** First Priority
- Acts 12:6-12 – Peter’s deliverance through **Nightly** Intercession at Mary’s house
- Acts 16:25 – **Night time praying** and **singing** (night watch) at Philippi – **Evangelism** released
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 – **Rejoice** always; **pray without ceasing**; in everything **give thanks**; **Call to the Citywide HOP?** (1 Chr 16:31)
- Hebrews 2:11-12 – Jesus is the **Singing HOP Savior** – just like David (Psa 108:1-3;22:22; 68:26)

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1. **Hebrews 2:11-12** <sup>11</sup> For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one *Father*; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, <sup>12</sup> saying, "I WILL PROCLAIM YOUR NAME TO MY BRETHREN, IN THE MIDST OF THE **CONGREGATION** I WILL SING YOUR PRAISE."
2. **Psalm 108:1-3** <sup>NAU</sup> **Psalm 108:1** A Song, a Psalm of David. My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing, I will sing praises, even with my soul. <sup>2</sup> Awake, harp and lyre; I will awaken the dawn! <sup>3</sup> I will give thanks to You, O LORD, among the peoples, And I will sing praises to You among the nations.
3. **Psalm 22:22** <sup>22</sup> I will tell of Your name to my brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.
4. **Psalm 68:24-29** <sup>24</sup> They have seen Your procession, O God, The procession of my God, my King, into the sanctuary. <sup>25</sup> The singers went on, the musicians after *them*, In the midst of the maidens beating tambourines. <sup>26</sup> Bless God in the **congregations**, *Even* the LORD, *you who are* of the fountain of Israel. <sup>27</sup> There is Benjamin, the youngest, ruling them, The princes of Judah *in* their throng, The princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali. <sup>28</sup> Your God has commanded your strength; Show Yourself strong, O God, who have acted on our behalf. <sup>29</sup> Because of Your **temple** at Jerusalem Kings will bring gifts to You.

## Paul's First Mission

***Acts 13:1-2 Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas... and Saul. <sup>2</sup> While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."***

- They were “ministering”. The Greek word is used 96 times (*leitourgeo*, English “liturgy”); 3 times in the NT and it translates the Hebrew word “sharath” 93 times (LXX) around the tabernacle, David’s tent and temple activities.

1. LXX word usage; used primarily of the priests and Levites in their service to the Lord
2. Acts 13:2 ministering to the Lord
3. Rom 15:27 – call to the gentiles to serve the Jews materially
4. Heb 10:11 – reference to the priest who ministers to the Lord
5. The Old Testament usage is around the tabernacle and temple including David’s tent which is in view in 1 Chronicles 16:37. The disciples in Antioch had no need to offer burnt offerings but a HOP ministry as Asaph would have done would be entirely appropriate

## Antioch Mission

Foreigners could now “**sharath**” the Lord (Is 56:6-7).  
The HOP didn’t need the Ark. It didn’t need Aaron. It didn’t need Levi. It didn’t need the temple. It didn’t need sacrifice (burnt offerings) or incense. It didn’t even need Jerusalem or Israel. Antioch was in Syria!

**The HOP just needed a 24/7 heart and passion for Davidic worship and intercession and a place.**

***The Antioch church of verse 1 to some degree may well have established the first 24/7 HOP in the NT. When Paul and Barnabas stopped in, they received their commission!***

## The Jerusalem Council - Background

James tells the brethren that the gentile mission grows out of God's promise to restore the "fallen tabernacle of David" (Acts 15:16-17)

- The **greater David** had come and was coming back very soon to establish the kingdom.
- **Davidic intercessory** like worship was occurring in the early church (Acts 2, 10, 12, 13 Syria, 16 Philippi – under the radar.
- Jews were coming to Christ in Israel and now among the Gentiles and there was a great "**evangelism**" impact.
- **Amos 9:11-13 "end of the age" promise had started!**
- Israel is on the land; Temple is in place; the end of the age was in sight for the early church... So, many mistakenly thought. The facts were correct but the timing was off.

1. The book of Acts was written around 63 A.D.
2. Nero was the emperor – a truly wicked guy; antichrist kind of guy
3. Israel was a nation
4. The temple was still standing
5. The greater David had returned and was coming back
6. Davidic intercessory like worship was occurring in the early church (Acts 2, 10, 12, 13, 16) – under the radar
7. Gentiles were coming to Christ – the King
8. The end of the age was in sight for the early church but it was for another time

## Amos 9:11-12

**Amos 9:11-13** <sup>11</sup> "In that day I will raise up the **fallen booth of David**, And wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its **ruins** And **rebuild** it as in the days of old; <sup>12</sup> That they may **possess the remnant of Edom** And all the nations who are called by My name," Declares the LORD who does this. <sup>13</sup> "Behold, **days are coming**," ... "When the plowman will overtake the reaper ...

- Amos speaks of the fallen “booth” (**sukkah**)
- “**Skene**” (LXX, Greek OT from 250 BC) translates “booth”.
- Booth of David (dynastic, governmental, territorial); infrastructure (rebuild), military (possess Edom Psa 2:9); community (v14) and “end of age” implications (days are coming, v13).

1. **Amos 9:13-15** <sup>13</sup> "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "When the plowman will overtake the reaper And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; When the mountains will drip sweet wine And all the hills will be dissolved. <sup>14</sup> "Also I will restore the captivity of My people Israel, And they will rebuild the ruined cities and live *in them*; They will also plant vineyards and drink their wine, And make gardens and eat their fruit. <sup>15</sup> "I will also plant them on their land, And they will not again be rooted out from their land Which I have given them," Says the LORD your God.
2. Fallen or collapse can be “a wall, a tent, a mountain or **words**.”
3. ‘Wall up’ is used with stones.
4. Raise up and rebuild have material sense – building, cities etc. Booth and tent are usually simple structures.

## The Tent, Booth & Tabernacle

2 Samuel 7:6 <sup>6</sup> "For I have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the sons of Israel from Egypt, even to this day; but I have been moving about in a tent (ohel; LXX katalumati, guest room), even in a tabernacle (mishkan, dwelling, sanctuary; LXX skene).

Amos 9:11 "In that day I will raise up the fallen booth (sukkah; LXX skene) of David, And wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins And rebuild it as in the days of old;

Psalms 27:5 For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle (ohel; LXX skene); In the secret place of His tent (sok; LXX skene) He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock.

- "sok, sukkah" same Hebrew root: thicket, covering
- "skene": LXX translates: tent, tabernacle and booth
- It encompasses all three!

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1. **Psalm 27:4-5** <sup>4</sup> One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD And to meditate in His temple. <sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock.
2. **Psalm 132:1-5** Remember, O LORD, on David's behalf, All his affliction; <sup>2</sup> How he swore to the LORD And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob, <sup>3</sup> "Surely I will not enter my house, Nor lie on my bed; <sup>4</sup> I will not give sleep to my eyes Or slumber to my eyelids, <sup>5</sup> Until I find a place for the LORD, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
3. **NAU Zechariah 1:16** 'Therefore thus says the LORD, "I will return to Jerusalem with compassion; My house will be built in it," declares the LORD of hosts, "and a measuring line will be stretched over Jerusalem."
4. **NAU Jeremiah 1:10** "See, I have appointed you this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, To pluck up and to break down, To destroy and to overthrow, To build and to plant."
5. **NAU Jeremiah 24:6** 'For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will bring them again to this land; and I will build them up and not overthrow them, and I will plant them and not pluck them up.

## Drawing the Gentiles

**Acts 15:16-17** <sup>16</sup> **'After these things I will return, And I will rebuild the *tabernacle (skene)* of David which has fallen, And I will rebuild its ruins, And I will restore it,** <sup>17</sup> **In order that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, And all the Gentiles who are called by My name,'**

- “Tabernacle or tent (*skene*’); in order that (for the purpose, so that)
- It appears that Luke added a *Holy Spirit*-inspired understanding in verse 17 that was not part of the Amos passage. **Restoration as Luke saw it included the HOP--seeking; drawing in lost souls (Heb 11:6) – all men; gentiles (*ethnos*); are HOP characteristics**

1. **Hebrews 12:17** <sup>17</sup> For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.
2. The term for “seek” is used in Heb 11:6. God is a rewarder of those who believe and “diligently seek after Him (KJV).” It is a careful search (1 Peter 1:10). It is thorough and complete (Luke 11:50) and it is a heartfelt searching (Hebrews 12:17). This heartfelt, diligent seeking is in line with how David’s tent operated. God would draw all flesh (Psalm 65:2-4).
3. Feast of booths uses two other Greek words based on skene.

# The Tabernacle

*The fallen tabernacle of David that is restored may best be understood as a combination of the elements of "booth (Amos 9:11)", "tent of David - ohel (2 Sam 6:17)" and "mishkan or sanctuary (Psa 27:4-5)".*

*Why is this only coming out now?*

*Restoration implies that something was missing and is still needed. It is not a new concept but an old one that is being restored. It has always been in the book but was largely overlooked because its big season, prophetically speaking, was yet future ( Israel: 1948, 67?).*

*Understanding of the HOP is now being released. It is a "last days" promise and provision from God that is now unfolding. It predates church theology and practice.*

1. 245 times it is the translation of "ohel", and 93 times it is the translation for "mishkan" and 25 times for "Succoth" and 7 other miscellaneous. (Vol 7, TDNT, p369)

# John - Throne Room

***Revelation 4:4-7<sup>-4</sup> Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads... and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind...***

- There are 24 elders, assumed to be people, perhaps representing both believing Israel and the apostles (Rev 21:13-14; Num 2); 4 sets of 3 gates and 12 foundation stones!
- The white garments are the righteous acts of the saints (Rev 19:6-7). Equally yoked, praying with testimony
- A throne: Isaiah 6:1; Isaiah 16:5

## Night and Day

***Revelation 4:8<sup>8</sup> And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME."***

- Living creatures have a similar posture to the Cherubim of the Ark and Isaiah's Seraphim – facing the Lord, ***watching*** closely.
- ***Night and day*** intercession (declarations) and praise around the throne. It never ceases. (One wonders why they have night and not just perpetual day.)

1. Night and day has the sense, normally, of uninterrupted action during. When this is not the case the context makes it clear. So the antichrist is tormented in the lake of fire “night and day” Rev 20:10. He gets no breaks.

## Stephanos & Humility

**Revelation 4:9-10** <sup>9</sup> *And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, ...* <sup>10</sup> *the twenty-four ... will cast their crowns before the throne, saying,* <sup>11</sup> *"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; ...*

- The “stephanos” or crown: 1 Cor 9:24-25, running the race well; These are first commandment, devoted, Matt 11:12 violent, resolute, need Jesus, Davidic folks.
- Glory, honor and thanks to Him are all found in 1 Chr 16 – David’s instructions to the Levites and prayer at Solomon’s coronation (**1 Chronicles 29:10-13**).
- Casting down crowns and accomplishments – humility, the posture of the Davidic worshiper.

## Full Golden Bowls of Prayer

***Revelation 5:8-9<sup>8</sup> ...elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying, "... purchased ... men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.***

- Golden bowls filled with the prayers of the saints.
- Instrumentally (harp) assisted intercession.
- Singing, declarations (4:10)
- Men from every nation (ethnos) and tongue.

## Kingdom of Priests

***Revelation 5:10-12*** <sup>10</sup> "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth." <sup>11</sup> ***Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; ...*** <sup>12</sup> ***saying with a loud voice***

- Kingly and priestly attributes in the worshipers.
- Corporate intercession: angels, creatures, and elders, men from the nations.
- Loud and celebratory

## Amen: So Be It

***Revelation 5:13-14*** <sup>13</sup> ***And every created thing ... I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."*** <sup>14</sup> ***And the four living creatures kept saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.***

- Strong ***testimonies*** about the lamb
- Dominion – His government; His reigning.
- Continuous Agreement – ***Amen***, let it be so.

***"Heavenly House of Prayer"***

## Current Trends

In December 2012 at the OneThing conference, Mark Anderson from YWAM summarized the latest commitments of the major mission and prayer leaders. This was the world wide prayer plan to complete the great commission by 2020:

- Add 6.8 million churches to today's existing 7 million
- Add **740,000** houses of prayer to drive this result

In December 2013 at the OneThing conference, Wycliffe bible translators called for a HOP in every people group to pray for bible translation and winning unreached people groups.

1. **ONETHING 2012 SESSION 11: DEC 31 7PM: CORY ASBURY, GEORGE OTIS JR; Mark Anderson**
2. **174 nations; 35,000 leaders through various congresses have committed to these goals.**

# House of Prayer

## Night and day prayer according to David

The biblical model is the corporate gathering in the place(s) of God's choosing for 24/7 night and day agreement and gazing on God as the audience of one. It is the mixing of intercession and instrumentally supported worship in His courts – singing, reflecting upon and praying the declarations, commands, statutes and judgments of God found in the Bible. It is designed for a city but with a regional impact. From the city's spiritual walls, it looks in to pray out mischief and iniquity; looks in to bless and prosper; looks out to draw men and defend the city as needed and it gives God no rest for the sake of Jerusalem, His city. And will be restored in the last days.

## Summary

- Aspects of the House of Prayer operating under the radar at a time when there was Jewish and Roman hostility.
- Commissioning missionary work in the Antioch House of Prayer – utilizing the only surviving “sharath” activities: no Ark, no sacrifices, no priests, no Levites, no Jerusalem and no temple and supporting implements – ***just Jewish converts and believing foreigners ministering (sharath) to the Lord in 24/7 worship and intercession.***
- The promise and provision of the restored “tabernacle of David” that was coming.
- The Heavenly House of Prayer of Rev 4-5; our final destination.
- ***Night and Day prayer according to David.***

## Application Steps

1. Do nothing.
2. Let it settle. It is a little overwhelming! (***Introduction***)
3. Review the material and ***check out the texts***. If it doesn't add up, return to step 1. You can't go someplace if you don't know where or who you are or aren't sure you should move!
4. Check for the nudge of the Spirit. If there is no sense of conviction, return to step 1. ***Let God stir you!***
5. Start small. Build thoughtfully. This is a huge change.
6. He wants the bride in a HOP environment with a HOP vision, a HOP heart and HOP devotion