

*Focused Obsession: The Burning Heart of King David and His Oath that Changed History***I. THE AWAKENING OF HIS YOUTH AND THE PURSUIT OF HIS LIFE – PSALM 27**

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. (Psalm 27:4)

- A. The awakening of his youth (“one thing *have I desired...*”)
- B. The pursuit of his life (“that will I seek all the days of my life...”)

II. THE OATH AND THE VOW – PSALM 132

Remember, O LORD, in David's favor, all the hardships he endured, how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob, "I will not enter my house or get into my bed, I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob." ... "Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool!" Arise, O LORD, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might....The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne. If your sons keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their sons also forever shall sit on your throne." For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place: "This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it. (Psalm 132:1-14)

- A. The oath of David to God – 132:1-10
 - 1. The theology of David's passion to establish a resting place for God:

Heaven is My Throne, and earth is My footstool... where is the place of My rest? (Isaiah 66:1)

Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; shame has covered my face. 8 I have become a stranger to my brothers, and an alien to my mother's children; 9 Because zeal for Your House has eaten me up, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me. 10 When I wept and chastened my soul with fasting, that became my reproach. 11...I became a byword to them. 12 Those who sit in the gate speak against me, and I am the song of the drunkards. (Ps. 69:7-12)

- 2. God strives with sinful humanity:

The LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever...5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth... 6 and He was grieved in His heart. (Gen. 6:3-6)

They rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; so He turned Himself against them as an enemy, and He fought against them. (Isa. 63:10)

Thus they provoked Him to anger...and the plague broke out among them. (Ps. 106:29)

- B. The oath of God to David – 132:11-18

III. THE HOLY RESOLUTIONS – PSALM 101

- A. 10 commitments of David the Leader (10 “I will’s”)

1. Commitments concerning his personal lifestyle – 101:1-4
2. Commitments concerning his leadership team – 101:5-8

- B. The motivation behind David’s resolutions

“Oh when will You come to me?!” (Ps. 101:2)

- C. The 6 personal lifestyle commitments:

I WILL sing of mercy and justice; To You, O LORD, I WILL make music. I WILL behave wisely in a perfect way. Oh, when will You come to me? I WILL walk within my house with a perfect heart. 3 I WILL set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me. 4 A perverse heart shall depart from me; I WILL not know wickedness. (Ps. 101:2-4)

1. I will sing of mercy and justice
 - a. Singing to God and to others

They were all under the direction of their father in the music in the house of the LORD with cymbals, harps, and lyres for the service of the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were under the order of the king. The number of them along with their brothers, who were trained in singing to the LORD, all who were skillful, was 288. (1 Chronicles 25:6-7)

These are the singers...who lodged in the chambers, and were free from other duties; for they were employed in that work day and night. (1 Chronicles 9:33)

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ... (Eph. 5:18-20)

- b. A lifestyle of gratitude (“praise”)
 - c. Exalting both mercy and justice
2. I will make music

David assembled all the leaders of Israel and the priests and the Levites. The Levites, thirty years old and upward, were numbered, and the total was 38,000 men. "Twenty-four thousand of these," David said, "shall have charge of the work in the house of the LORD, 6,000 shall be officers and judges, 4,000 gatekeepers, and 4,000 shall offer praises to the LORD with the instruments that I have made for praise." (1 Chronicles 23:2-5)

3. I will walk blameless/perfect – aiming at 100% obedience

As a wise master builder I (Paul) laid the foundation...let each take heed how he builds...(1 Cor. 3:10)

David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the LORD was with him. (1 Sam. 18:14)

David behaved more wisely than all...his name became highly esteemed. (1 Sam. 18:30)

4. I will blameless/perfect in my house – in the place of comfort where no one sees you

5. I will set no worthless thing before my eyes – protecting our souls by not darkening our eyes

I have made a covenant with my eyes; why then should I look upon a young woman? (Job 31:1)

Having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin...(2 Pet. 2:14)

- a. I hate the work of those who fall away (v. 3) – declaring war on sin with hatred of it

The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; pride...the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate. (Prov. 8:13)

- b. It shall not cling to me (v. 3) – David warred against his failures instead of camping out in sin

- c. A perverse heart shall depart from me (v. 4) – confidence in eventual victory

Confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it (Phil. 1:6)

6. I will not know (walk in) wickedness – persistent resolve to resist compromise