

**David the Waiting King - Part 2**  
**I Am David - Lessons in Greatness - Week 10**

**Four Truths about Authority**

**I. Submission to authority distinguishes the \_\_\_\_\_  
from the unrighteous.**

*... If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus. . . Romans 10:8-10*

**II. In God's Kingdom, our level of \_\_\_\_\_  
correlates to our level of submission.**

*Jesus explained, "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. John 5:19*

*Key: Great spiritual power is entrusted to the most submitted.*

**III. Spiritual revelation and maturity \_\_\_\_\_  
as we accept the principle of submission.** See Matthew 8:5-10

*Key: Many spend their lives saved, but spiritually stunted because they do not accept the reality of spiritual authority.*

**IV. Submission to authority brings God's \_\_\_\_\_,  
blessing, and \_\_\_\_\_.**

A. *Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Eph 6:1-3)*

B. *Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. See John 14:21*

C. *Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. See John 14:23*

**Four Tests of Submission to Authority**

**I. The \_\_\_\_\_ Test** 1 Samuel 17:32-37

A. David's Response - Make a righteous appeal

B. David knew without Saul's blessings, God would not accompany him into battle.

C. Satan tempts us to see ourselves as superior, providing justification for rebellion to authority.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is always at the heart of rebellion.

2. Key: Admit your need for \_\_\_\_\_.

3. If authority exists for no other reason, it cultivates \_\_\_\_\_ and keeps us from pride's destruction.

**II. The \_\_\_\_\_ Test.** 1 Samuel 19:9-11

A. David's righteous response: Secretly flee

B. David did not: a) become a \_\_\_\_\_ target.  
b) kill Saul and \_\_\_\_\_ the throne.

C. All authority is imperfect except God's. He expects us to submit even if we suffer under that authority.

*See 1 Peter 2:13-17 and 1 Peter 3:1-6*

**III. The Advantage Test** 1 Samuel 24:1 - 20

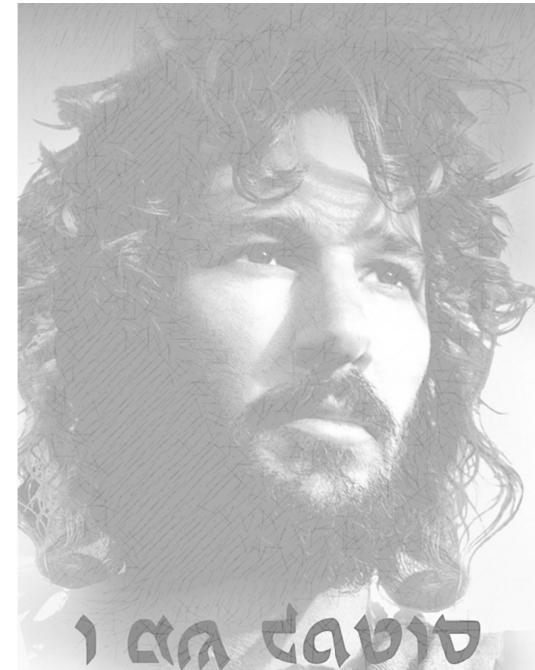
*<sup>5</sup>But then David's conscience began bothering him because he had cut Saul's robe. <sup>6</sup>He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this to my lord the king. I shouldn't attack the Lord's anointed one, for the Lord himself has chosen him."*

*<sup>17</sup>He (Saul) said to David, "You are a better man than I am, for you have repaid me good for evil. <sup>18</sup>Yes, you have been amazingly kind to me today, for when the Lord put me in a place where you could have killed me, you didn't do it. <sup>19</sup>Who else would let his enemy get away when he had him in his power? May the Lord reward you well for the kindness you have shown me today. <sup>20</sup>And now I realize that you are surely going to be king, and that the kingdom of Israel will flourish under your rule.*

A. David's advantages included:

Round Table Pizza next Sunday from noon to 2:00 p.m.

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### 1. Popularity

2. \_\_\_\_\_

*Use intelligence to serve, not for self-promotion*

### 3. Spiritual blessing and anointing

- *David was anointed and gifted of God.*

- *The Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul.*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Gifts

- *revelation, favor, blessing*

### 5. Physical Ability

- *David was younger, stronger, and better looking. He could physically overpower Saul, but he didn't*

B. Other advantages we can possess:

\_\_\_\_\_

C. God expects us to use our advantages to serve those above us. All of us are superior in some way to our authorities.

## IV. The \_\_\_\_\_ Test 2 Samuel 1:1-16

A. David knew if he let the man live, he was guilty of Saul's blood by association. He refused to associate with a rebellious person.

B. Outcomes of close relationships with rebellious people.

1. It changes our attitude about authority.

2. It contributes to their sin and resultant damage.

Our roles: a) represent the truth to them

b) Don't host a rebellious spirit

c) Separate from them if necessary

3. It reveals our true attitude about authority.

- vicarious rebellion

4. Find and associate with others who acknowledge Jesus as Lord and have a respect for authority.

*Church Family Pizza Party - November 7*

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