

## I. Overview

- A. David's time in the court was 3-5 years
- B. David's time in the wilderness was 7-10 years
- A. David was 30 when he becomes king
- B. David had already been anointed as king

## II. Three Key Psalms Regarding to David's Life

- A. Psalm 1: Probably a tribute to David by Solomon
- B. Psalm 23: Expression of David's essential faith
- C. Psalm 27: Description of David's fundamental motivation

## III. Period at the Court

- A. David loves and honors Saul
  - 1. David's exaltation by the people is the direct result of obedience to Saul
  - 2. God was building David's kingdom
- B. David and Jonathan form a bond

## IV. Period of Exile in the Wilderness

- A. Time of seperation
  - 1. From the nation, David was an outlaw
  - 2. From his family
  - 3. From spiritual fellowship
    - a. From national worship
    - b. From Jonathan
  - 4. Forced to find fellowship with the Lord

## Assignment:

*Read II Samuel 6-10 and I Chronicles 13-17*

### *Note Particularly:*

*1. David's zeal for a temple to be the centre of Israel's worship*

*2. The nature of the covenant between the Lord and David*

*3. David's response to the news that he would not be allowed to build the temple*

**B. Time of uncertainty**

1. Saul is always just a few days away
2. The people around David are always in danger and there is a problem of a divided loyalty
3. God never tells him what He is doing

**C. Time of personal growth**

1. David sought God
  - *What happens to you is not as important as how you respond*
    - a. Wrote many Psalms
2. He learned how to lead
  - a. David's actions affected others, and he learned how to handle that
  - b. David took outcasts and made them loyal followers of God
3. He learned the value of loyalty
  - a. He took care of priests
  - b. He took care of his family

**D. Time of national development**

1. The men who showed up to join the band were sent from God
2. David had a chance to orient them to God, just as he was

**E. Not a time of perfection**

1. Bible records David's shortcomings

**V. Conclusion:** *All things were working together for the good of God's plan and David's success*