

Today's Message: Saul & David

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Lord, I Lift Your Name on High — Founds

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad you came to save us

*You came from heaven to earth To show the way
From the earth to the cross My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high*
Song #117947 / CCLI# 68429

Silent Night — Gruber, Young, Mohr

Silent night holy night All is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born

Silent night holy night Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth, Jesus Lord at Thy birth
Song #27862 / CCLI# 68429

Psalm 19 — Butler

May the words of my mouth And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You pleasing to You
May the words of my mouth And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You my God

*You're my Rock and my Redeemer You're the reason that I sing
I desire to be a blessing in Your eyes
Ev'ry hour ev'ry moment Lord I want to be Your servant
I desire to be a blessing In Your eyes in Your eyes*

May the words of my mouth And the meditations of my heart
Be pleasing to You my God
Song #1773823 / CCLI #68429

I Will Follow — Tomlin, Ingram, Morgan

Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move I will follow

All Your ways are good All Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight High above my life
I will trust in You alone

*Where You go I'll go Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move I will follow
Who You love I'll love How You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose I will follow (You)
I will follow You*

Light unto the world Light unto my life I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone In You alone
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BIBLE READING PLAN DECEMBER 14-20**MONDAY 12/14: 1 Samuel 28:1-2, 1 Samuel 29, 1 Samuel 30, 1 Chronicles 12:19-22**

The Philistines refuse David's feigned help. Instead he fights Amalekite raiders to recover all the spoil they had taken and he returns it to the raided towns thus winning their favor.

TUESDAY 12/15: 1 Samuel 28:3-25, 1 Samuel 31, 1 Chronicles 10, 1 Chronicles 9:35-44, 2 Samuel 1, 1 Samuel 14:47-52

The Philistine army challenges Israel to battle. Alarmed, Saul seeks advice from a medium then, with Jonathan, dies in battle. Their death saddens David. Saul won many battles during his reign doing much to establish the kingdom.

WEDNESDAY 12/16: Psalm 93, 2 Samuel 2, 2 Samuel 3, 2 Samuel 4, 1 Chronicles 12:23-40

1055 BC David at 30 is enthroned at Hebron to reign over Judah. He has to fight a long civil war against Abner and Saul's son Ishbosheth. Within six years these two are murdered. This annoys and saddens David.

Note Psalm 93: Floods (v.3). The word flood in Scripture often means rebellious uprisings against God.

THURSDAY 12/17: 1 Chronicles 11:1-9, 2 Samuel 5, Psalm 15, Psalm 8, 1 Chronicles 14

1048 BC All tribes now swear allegiance to David at Hebron. He takes Jerusalem, defeats the Philistines and proclaims God's majesty. The King of Tyre gives building materials.

FRIDAY 12/18: 1 Chronicles 2:3-55, Psalm 23, Psalm 95, Psalm 119, Psalm 139, Psalm 101

David's forbears and family genealogy from c.1740 BC to c.1085 BC is given. Feeling blessed, David writes songs thanking his God for His care, deliverances and miraculous power.

Note 1 Chronicles 2:3-4: Judah married a Canaanite woman, contrary to God's instruction. Family problems and early death followed through the generations. A great-great grandson, Achar, was called 'the troubler of Israel' (1 Chronicles 2:7). Tamar was his daughter-in-law, so Judah's union with her was unlawful (see Genesis 38), but God redeems this relationship (Matthew 1:3).

SATURDAY 12/19: 1 Chronicles 13, 1 Chronicles 15, 2 Samuel 6, 1 Chronicles 16, Psalm 68

1045 BC The ark of the covenant is brought to Jerusalem. When the people obey God's Word on the second attempt, it is placed in a special tent. David appoints Levites to minister and sing praise songs. *Note 1 Chronicles 16:4-7:* The use of music was new in tabernacle service. No instruments were ever played in Moses' tabernacle.

SUNDAY 12/20: 2 Samuel 22, Psalm 18, Psalm 124

At 40, David writes a song commemorating God's gracious and faithful deliverance of him in the past, 'He drew me out of many waters,' and for establishing his kingship.