



THE RISE AND FALL OF
DAVID

**For whoso hath too much of any good, of
that same good he shall be soon bereft.**

JOHN LYDGATE

**Power tends to corrupt, and absolute
power corrupts absolutely.**

LORD ACTON



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I SAMUEL 18:6-7 ^{NIV}

When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres. ⁷ As they danced, they sang:

“Saul has slain his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands.”



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I SAMUEL 24:16-17, 20 ^{NIV}

When David finished saying this, Saul asked, “Is that your voice, David my son?” And he wept aloud. ¹⁷ “You are more righteous than I,” he said. “You have treated me well, but I have treated you badly...

²⁰ I know that you will surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hands.



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1 SAMUEL 24:1-3 ^{NIV}

After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the Desert of En Gedi."² So Saul took three thousand able young men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Crags of the Wild Goats.³ He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave.

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GENESIS 1:27-28 ^{NIV}

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of
God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and
increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over
the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every
living creature that moves on the ground."

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GENESIS 3:16 ^{NIV}

To the woman he said...

“Your desire will be for your husband,
and he will rule over you.”

From the very first moment when one meets another person, he is looking for a strategic position he can assume and hold over against that person. There are strong persons and weak ones. If a man is not strong, he immediately claims the right of the weak as his own and uses it against the strong. There are gifted and ungifted, simple and difficult people, devout and less devout... Where is there a person who does not with instinctive sureness find the spot where he can stand and defend himself, but which he will never give up to another, for which he will fight with all the drive of his instinct of self-assertion? All this can occur in the most polite or even pious environment...It is the struggle of the natural man for self-justification. He finds it only in comparing himself with others.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

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1 SAMUEL 24:9 ^{NIV}

He said to Saul, “Why do you listen when men say, ‘David is bent on harming you’?”

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1 SAMUEL 24:3-4 ^{NIV}

He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. ⁴ The men said, “This is the day the Lord spoke of when he said to you, ‘I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.’ ” Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul’s robe.

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1 SAMUEL 24:5 ^{NIV}

Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe.

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1 SAMUEL 24:6-7 ^{NIV}

He said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the LORD."

⁷ With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.

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1 SAMUEL 24:8 ^{NIV}

Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, "My lord the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.

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1 SAMUEL 24:15 ^{NIV}

May the LORD be our judge and decide between us. May he consider my cause and uphold it; may he vindicate me by delivering me from your hand.”

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KISS THE TRUE KING

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PSALM 2:1-3 ^{NIV}

Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?

²The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together

against the LORD and against his anointed, saying,

³“Let us break their chains
and throw off their shackles.”

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PSALM 2:4-7 ^{NIV}

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the Lord scoffs at them.

⁵ He rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

⁶ “I have installed my king
on Zion, my holy mountain.”

⁷ I will proclaim the LORD’s decree:
He said to me, “You are my son;
today I have become your father.”

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PSALM 2:10-12 ^{NIV}

Therefore, you kings, be wise;

Be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear

And celebrate his rule with trembling.

¹² Kiss his son, or he will be angry

And your way will lead to your destruction,
for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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MARK 10:35-37,41 ^{NIV}

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.”

³⁶ “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked.

³⁷ They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.”

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John.

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MARK 10:42-44 ^{NIV}

Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.”

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MARK 10:45 ^{NIV}

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

If you really get into any kind of touch with God you will, in fact, be humble – delightedly humble, feeling the infinite relief of having for once got rid of all the silly nonsense about your own dignity which has made you restless and unhappy all your life. He is trying to make you humble in order to make this moment possible: trying to take off a lot of silly, ugly, fancy-dress in which we have all got ourselves up and are strutting about like the little idiots we are. This moment is like a drink of cold water to a man in the desert.

C.S. LEWIS

The King we truly need emptied his own power
for us, so that we might have our ultimate
security in him.