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INTERIM BETWEEN ANOINTING AND MANIFESTATION

Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to the house of Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided myself a king among his sons."... Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward."

The Prophet Samuel anointed David to be king when he was a lad tending sheep for his father. He was anointed to be a king 'someday' and we can learn a great deal from David's experiences—how he progressed from the initial anointing to full-fledged manifestation.

With the anointing came a declaration for David's life—God determined he should be king of Israel. The anointing was an important step in his journey towards destiny and on it hinged his future expectations for a meaningful life. Undoubtedly this was a transitional moment for David's family as well. No one had any thoughts of David's greatness as exemplified in their response to gathering the sons of Jesse—they never even included David until Samuel questioned if there might be yet another son.

The Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward ... but the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul. God removed the anointing from Saul and replaced it with a distressing spirit that often troubled him. His servants advised him to find someone skillful at playing the harp to calm his spirit, saying, "*Look I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD is with him.* This is quite a testimony for a young lad who has never even fought a battle! Considering the statement valid, Saul sent for David and he became his armor bearer.

As a shepherd boy David wrote songs to the Lord and was resourceful—even killing a lion and a bear. David's skill at playing the harp and writing psalms was perfected and meaningfully developed while ministering to king Saul—for 'someday' he will set musicians in the House of God *to prophesy with harps, to give thanks and praise the LORD.* He will set them in courses for worshipping before the King of Kings and

incorporate *the small as well as the great, the teacher as well as the student* — the ministry of the saints.

The events of David's life progressively worked together towards fulfillment. David's family considered Saul's summons a divine appointment. Although armor bearer is vastly different than king, it does give David opportunity to experience the lifestyle and routine of a king — for 'someday' David will detail *all the work for the service of the House of the LORD ...* but today he is obedient to his father.

At his father's request David brought food to his brothers fighting against the Philistines. He is appalled at the insolent Goliath saying, "*Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?*" If God helped him kill a bear and a lion that threatened his little flock, then surely God would empower him to prevail over a fearsome 'dog' attacking the sheep of the House of Israel!

David ran towards his destiny with only a sling and five smooth stones. It was the unseen arsenal of the divine that empowered him—he ran in *the Name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel* and prevailed mightily! You also access the same arsenal of the divine and have a similar anointing to fearlessly race towards your destiny and likewise prevail.

David learned a lot about being a king that he could not have learned back home in his father's house. He learned to be king while living in the palace of Saul and wisely led the army—positions that he would not have been appointed to if not for the anointing on his life. Killing Goliath positioned him for advancement in the plan of God. *Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people*—women sang and danced because of his great accomplishments. The people's response towards David caused a jealousy in Saul and from that day forward Saul tried to kill him.

At first David thought he did something wrong. He went to Jonathan and asks, "*What have I done? What is my iniquity, and what is my sin before your father that he seeks my life? ... There is but a step between me and death.*" Up to this point everything seemed to fall into place for him and now when he actually feels capable of being king—he's forced to flee into the wilderness?

After escaping David thought he would find protection in the wilderness but Saul searched the countryside to kill him. *Saul sought him every day, but God did not deliver him into his hand*—yet led David's close friend to him. Jonathan *strengthened his hand in God* by encouraging him in his purpose—confirming that God anointed David to be king of Israel and therefore it would surely come to pass.

Although David learned to be a shepherd by tending his father's sheep, he cannot train to shepherd Israel unless he departs from the palace of Saul. The anointing opened up to David another arena for training and he understood some fundamental aspects of responsibility. He learned to be a son in the palace of Saul, and now advanced to another level of ministry—the destitute, homeless, discontented and outcast sheep of Israel came to him in the wilderness and he leads them as their shepherd.

With his army of outcasts David *said to the king of Moab, “Please let my father and mother come here with you, till I know what God will do for me.”* This is a very significant statement. In the past while living at the palace he may have thought God would ‘someday’ replace Saul in a simple transition of power. Now his station in life changed completely and he is hiding in the wilderness because Saul would rather see him dead than as king. Consequently David puts what mattered most to him in a safe place while he waited to see what God opened up for him in this phase of development and training.

While looking for what God would do for him, David is keenly aware of divine providence in his life. When Abigail prophesies to him, he responds that he knows it is God who sent her to him to warn him and he refrains from what he had planned to do. He received the counsel of Abigail and does not seek vengeance—he knows God fights his battles.

There were a few times that David endeavored to personally intervene and convince Saul he had misjudged him. Each time Saul promised not to kill him, but after the third time David says, *“Now I shall perish ‘someday’ by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape to the land of the Philistines: and Saul will despair of searching for me, to seek me anymore in any part of Israel. So I shall escape out of his hand.”* David knew that Saul would eventually kill him and removed himself completely to a safe place and does nothing to promote or avenge himself—either God makes him king or he will not be king.

Wilderness places are outstanding schools of training. David’s mighty men of valor came to him in the wilderness and attached themselves to him. They were outcasts of religion—they could not participate in the worship of the temple and looked for someone who would promote their cause. Some were too weary to fight so he made *a statute and an ordinance for Israel—as his part is who goes down to the battle, so shall his part be who stays by the supplies, they shall share alike.* David didn’t divide the weak from the strong, but rather rallied them all together to the greater cause of God in the earth—for ‘someday’ David will make preparations for the House of God, separating some for officers, judges, gatekeepers and those who praised the Lord with musical instruments ... And future generations will call on the *sure mercies of David*, convinced that no one is left behind who is attached to the outworking of His House—the restoration of David’s Tabernacle in the earth.

The anointing was a pivotal point in his life and awakened him to understand that God’s intervention meant he was empowered. During this time David learned to recognize transitional moments and wisely expanded his skills in preparation for the next opportunity of advancement. He developed a God consciousness that perceived the magnitude and implication of a spiritual framework for the kingdom—and God eventually would make him king of Judah. Seven years later all Israel came to him and anointed David as their king.

The numerology suggests that God trained David as a son—from his initial anointing at 17 until he finally became king of Israel at 37. If a child is called a man at thirteen (bar

mitzvah) but is not held accountable for his decisions until he is twenty, isn't it also possible that after thirteen years David was anointed king of Judah, but was in training until his twentieth year when he's finally crowned king of all Israel? The time span between David's anointing as a young shepherd and his full-fledged manifestation as ruling king of Israel is twenty years—now he is called *a man after God's own heart who will do all My will*.

If the years have come and gone and etched a line of misgivings in you ... if you have become tired and hopeless ... even the thought of being stirred up seems like too much work in the droning day to day routine that sums up your meaningless life ... the weary burden of disappointments or distress far outweighing any higher call — then you merely came to the same wilderness as David and the outcasts of Israel. You likewise are outcasts because you're cast out of the religious system and may even feel spiritually destitute at the loss—unless you likewise attach yourself to the outworking of His House and the ministry of His saints in the earth.

If you recognize God's intervention in your life it will change you. You come into a greater measure of rule and authority when you not only perceive God's hand in what is happening, but you are keenly aware of its value—examining each event as a possible door of opportunity for a divine coincidence. God wants you to know that you likewise can run towards your destiny knowing that the talent and ability you possess is more than enough.

Coincidences are only activated or operative through divine intervention—you do not make something happen unless God has already set it in motion and you match up with His plan. Coincidences are not a question of human will or human effort. It is planned and determined for you before the foundation of the world and you catch up to the moment at the exact time of His intervention in your life. David could not stop Saul from trying to kill him ... he could not make himself king of Israel ... but he could line up to the plan of God for his life and coincidences happened—simultaneously on earth as ordained in heaven.

If everything God does has purpose and He works everything out for your good according to His purpose, then there are no irrelevant events in your life—everything serves a purpose and fits into a balance. While you search for understanding, putting your future in a safe place until you know what God will do for you is a reasonable plan. *God is able to keep what you have committed to Him until the day of manifestation* and helps you weigh everything against His Word to balance the deeper meaning of your life in Him.

David examined the context of his life according to the revealed purpose of God for him. Likewise, knowing your purpose and function in the outworking of the House of God will direct you on what is necessary and expedient in your life and give it relevance.

God anoints you and *the Spirit of the LORD came upon you from that day forward*. Your passion is fueled by the knowledge that *no purpose of God can be withheld from Him*—and you are one with Him in purpose. Nothing can withhold what God has purposed. The anointing activates your purpose in whatever situation you encounter; you

have a destiny that must come to pass. Maybe the things that are happening are to give you a battlefield that perfects your skills—only proving once again that everything really does work together for good according to His purpose for your life.

Recognizing opportunity in what is happening to you is a vital step for effectively advancing in the interim between anointing and manifestation. Never disdain your station in life because it is a crucial step on the path leading towards your destiny. And once you reach what you think is the pinnacle, remember that you are part of a bigger plan. Your life was meant to take on new intensity in a higher dimension.

Everything that happened to David was not always working only towards fulfilling the anointing that was placed on him to ‘become’ king of Israel—his anointing was for ‘being’ king. After David became king, God also promised to establish his house forever—and the wisdom he learned from experiencing the journey became the transitional step to writing the plans for the outworking of the House of God. Understanding came from examining the context of what he learned in the interim from anointing to manifestation. He asked the right questions and calculated the proper order for interpretation and arrangement—everything had meaning and purpose.

When you received His Spirit it was an impartation that changed the course of your life forever! His Spirit activated you into the ‘today’ realm—into the now of God! David is a tremendous example of walking in courageous acts of fearlessness because he knew divine intervention meant empowerment! Connecting with ‘today’ likewise brings you into that same realm of possibility where His intervention activates your purpose to do great exploits in Him—and your life seems far more meaningful!

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