

## *The Marriages of David and his Repentance*

*“22 He raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave their testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.” (Acts 13:22 KJV)*

King David accomplished things in his life according to the Word of God for he had fulfilled all the will of God; for David served his generation by the will of God, *“36 For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption.” (Acts 13:36 KJV)*

In this message, we will look into the marriage life of David. We will see how he made it a mess at the beginning of his life, but later on, it seemed he repented and did what was right following God's will.

David got his first marriage not in the right time; he married at the wrong time and with the wrong partner that he finally needed to separate from his wife of that first marriage. Here we will state down the marriages that David did in his life.

**1. The marriage of David from Michal the daughter of Saul:** Saul was using his daughter Michal to kill David for he was expecting the Philistine would kill him when he requested David the following: *“25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.” (1 Samuel 18:25 KJV)* David was not aware much of that therefore he responded and put his life at risk in order to get married with Michal the daughter of Saul being the daughter of the king. *“27 Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.” (1 Samuel 18:27 KJV)* Even after his marriage from Michal Saul continued his trial in order to kill David, which ultimately led David to run away and flee from King Saul. When such things happened, Saul got the advantage of that and took his daughter Michal and gave her to Phalti the son of Laish, *“44 But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which was of Gallim.” (1 Samuel 25:44 KJV)* That separation that took place caused David later on to fall into multiple marriages and that can be considered as repeated adultery.

**2. The marriage of David from Ahinoam of Jezreel:** *“43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they were also both of them his wives.” (1 Samuel 25:43 KJV)*

**3. The marriage of David with Abigail the widow of Nabal:** *“42 And Abigail hasted, and arose and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.” (1 Samuel 25:42 KJV)*

**4. The marriage of David with Maachah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur:** *“3 And the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur.” (2 Samuel 3:3 KJV)*

**5. The marriage of David with Haggith:** *“And the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith.” (2 Samuel 3:4 KJV)*

**6. The marriage of David with Abital:** *“And the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital.” (2 Samuel 3:4 KJV)*

**7. The marriage of David with Eglah:** *“And the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife.” (2 Samuel 3:5 KJV)*

*“2 And unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; 3 And his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; 4 And the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; 5 And the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.” (2 Samuel 3:2-5 KJV)* *“1 Now these were the sons of David, which were born unto him in Hebron; the firstborn Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess: 2 The third, Absalom the son of Maachah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur: the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith: 3 The fifth, Shephatiah of Abital: the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife. 4 These six were born unto him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years.” (1 Chronicles 3:1-4 KJV)*

**8. The marriage of David with Bathshua, the same Bathsheba:** *“5 And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bathshua the daughter of Ammiel: 6 Ibhar also, and Elishama, and Eliphelet, 7 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 8 And Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine.” (1 Chronicles 3:5-8 KJV)*

**9. The marriage of David with concubines:** *“9 These were all the sons of David, beside the sons of the concubines, and Tamar their sister.” (1 Chronicles 3:9 KJV)*

All these multiple marriages after his first marriage were adultery. God will not change His Word or what was in His mind. Therefore repentance was needed in this regard. Therefore, David toward the end of his life repented of this sin of adultery that came to his life through repeated marriages. Let us read the following events at the end of the life of King David:

*“1 Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat. 2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat. 3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king. 4 And the damsel was very fair, and cherished the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.” (1 Kings 1:1-4 KJV)* King David here was suggested to him to marry a young virgin to cherish him, to care for him, to stand before him, and to lie in his bosom to give him heat. King David did not know the woman in the use of bed and he had no physical relationship with her, even she was placed in his bosom. Not that he was non-capable but he was repenting of all the adulterous relationships he had due to his previous multiple marriages.

Not only was that but at that time King David separated from the rest of his wives. Let us read this event to be aware that King David at the end of his life was only with Abishag the Shunammite, whom he knew not, for she was only with him to assist him in his daily needs. Reading the following event will show that King David was living away from all the rest of his wives: ***“15 And Bathsheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite ministered unto the king. 16 And Bathsheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldest thou?” (1 Kings 1:15-16 KJV)***

The application of this event from the life of King David and this kind of repentance that he passed through, is to advise those who are old and who had passed through multiple marriages, or who have children from different partners, that toward the end of their lives while their other partners are still alive, they need to separate themselves from the other gender and live their lives without a sexual partner to be cleansed from immoralities and to fulfill the will of God and to endorse the Word of God and the will of God and His discipline to their children and grandchildren, and to the next generation.

\* What David passed through and demonstrated can be a good example for us as a church what to advise those who had made it mess in their marital life with multiple marriages and now they are willing to repent of such sins. The last days of the life of King David are a good demonstration of what we need to advise them. \* God's Word is always rich in lessons and has good answers to the questions that come across our lives as we do the ministry of the Lord and endeavor to go and make disciples who would live their lives for Him and set a good example to others.

To those who wish to repent of the sin of the second or multiple marriages it is not enough to avoid sexual relationship with their partners but they need to totally separate from them as David separated himself from all his wives, so that their lives will be clear before their children and so it will be endorsed to them as a good teaching and a good example that they can apply in their lives. From the life of David it was clear to everyone and it was written to be documented to his descendents, to the generations to come, to us today and to those after us.

***My Dear and Beloved:*** \* Consider the message seriously in your life especially if you are having multiple partners or you have lived and having children from multiple partners and from different relationships. \* If those partners are still alive you need to separate yourself from them and other relationships to keep yourself clean from the sin of immorality to be ready to meet God and ready for the second coming of Christ.

Come now to God in repentance considering turning away from the sin of immorality and willing to set yourself free from such a sin, and to be good example to others and especially to your children to avoid falling into the same sin and the immoral life style that had made your life a mess. **Let us pray ...**

***My Prayer:*** Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord, thank you for your teaching and thank you for all the corrections and the admonishments that I received in this message for my own good and benefit and for the benefit of my family and children.

*Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins especially the sin of immorality and having multiple partners, and children from multiple relationships and multiple marriages. Confess and renounce your bad example to others and especially to your children in regard to this matter. Confess and renounce your worldliness, the lust of your eyes and your love for worldly things. Confess and renounce your own will and plan and not the will and the plan of God. Confess and renounce your lack of prayers and reading of God's Word. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers and the sinful culture of your tradition. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Lord I commit myself to follow your will and your good plan for me in pertain to what we learned in this message and to apply that in my life and to set a good example to others and to my children to follow your ways in their lives.*

*Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins humbled themselves and are willing to follow your will and the teaching that we received in this message. Lord give them more fruit of the Holy Spirit especially patient and self-control so they will not be tempted. Devil and the spirit of lust I rebuke you in the name of Jesus, go away from them and don't come back to them. Lord bless them, provide for them, answer their prayers and lead them into your will in their lives and make their lives good examples to others to follow. Lord I pray for others who still not repented and is doing their own will. Lord humble them, teach them your ways and grant them repentance so they will follow your will.*

*Lord, bless us as your church, and help us to stand firm to implement the teaching that we had studied in this message. Lord we pray for more people to be set free from this sin of second and multiple marriages and multiple partners. Lord lead us to help people who are involved in such a sin. Lord we ask you to refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need in order to go on and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord take the message and spread it to reach all the members, workers, congregations, the families of the church, and others who need your Word. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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