

WHERE IS DAVID?

David was a man after God's own heart, he loved the Lord and the Lord loved David. He was a man of flesh and blood the same as you and I. He made mistakes, and he had his weakness, he had the same passions, same desires, same temptations, but there was something about David, in spite of his faults, God still loved him. God did not love the sin, but he loved the man. There was one thing David had that seems to be missing in the world today. He knew how to repent. He knew how to praise the Lord. Where is the spirit of David today? When we read the book of Psalms, we can see how much David loved the Lord, and how much he trusted in him. We may often repeat the words of David, and that is fine, but, we should have our own praise to God for what he has done for us, in our own words and not someone else's.

Our words may not sound as good as what David said, they may not be written down in a book here on earth for someone else to read, but God has them all written down in his great record book, and placed in his treasure chest. They are how we feel toward God, from our own lips and from our own heart, and mind. We should always have a praise for God, morning or night, for he is a twenty-four God, seven days a week. If we cannot think of something to thank him for, to praise him for, then there is something wrong with us.

We only want to praise him when things are going good, and some don't even praise him then. When we have money in the bank, our health is okay, our husband or wife is doing fine, our children are behaving, but, when things are not going so well, God still remains God. We need more of that spirit of David in the world, that has a praise for the Lord, no matter what. There are some days we may feel as if the Lord is ignoring us, is that because we are ignoring him? If we deny him, he will deny us. We want Jesus to love us, but do we love him? If so, then how do we let him know that we love him? Do we live our lives as if we loved him? Do we praise him with our whole heart, or do we just offer him lip

service? Do we call upon his name, but do not the things he tells us? Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments."

Do we praise him seven days a week, or only on Sunday, where people can see us? Has our free nation become Sunday only worshippers of the Lord? This nation has become a nation of Dignified Christians, too dignified, too proud, to kneel down upon their knees in prayer to the "KING OF KING, and LORD OF LORD'S." We need to recall to mind that Jesus was not too "Dignified" to be beaten, spit upon, slapped, humiliated, and shed his innocent blood on the Cross of Calvary and die for our sins. Not His, but yours and mine. Sinners, not worthy of one drop of his blood.

When the preacher says a prayer on Sunday morning, we just nod our head in agreement. It reminds me of two old red Roasters, setting on the fence at the break of dawn, one crowed loudly announcing the breaking of the dawn. The other was so lazy, he just nodded his head in agreement. We nod our head in agreement to what the preacher has to say, no matter what. We need to open our mouths and lift our hands in praise unto the Lord. Jesus said, "If ye be ashamed of me before men, I shall be ashamed of you before my Father." Are the people of this nation too proud, dignified, stubborn and rebellious, to lift up their hands and show the world they love the Lord Jesus. This is suppose to be a Christian nation, but they are taking everything away from the creator who created everything upon the face of this earth, including you and me. They have taken prayer out of our schools, and our children are running amuck. They have taken the ten commandments out, they are trying to convince the people that Jesus was not born of a virgin birth. They are telling the people you don't need to be baptized, there is no resurrection, and that Jesus didn't really die on the cross of Calvary, it was someone else in his place. How much longer do you think this is going to be a Christian nation? What is left for them to do, take "In God we trust" off of our currency as well.

Out side of the church atmosphere, do we ever kneel down and pray? Do we have family prayer, you know, where the whole family sets around the table and holds hands and pray together, or kneel by their bedside and pray, to give thanks unto the Lord for each day that we live, for our food that he has given us, for our home that we have?

David knew how to pray and to praise the Lord and he was not ashamed. He said what was in his heart, and showed his love toward God. Where is that spirit of David today? David was a man after God's own heart. What is keeping us from being like David, a man or woman after God's own heart? If we have that spirit of David, then let us lift up our hands, and show the world our love of Jesus.