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Old Testament 3

Law/Gospel

My sinful foolishness blinds me to the wise ways of my heavenly Father. **God truly sees and knows what I need; He does what is good, right, and salutary for me through His Son.**

Bible Words

Man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.
1 Samuel 16:7

The Big Picture

The Lord promised David, "I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to Me a son" (2 Samuel 7:12–14). This singular offspring of David was the promised Messiah. David's son Solomon built a temple where God dwelt, foreshadowing the temple God built in His eternal Son, Jesus Christ, who was born from David's lineage. St. Paul calls bodies of Christians the temples of the Holy Spirit, a gift from God (1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19).

David Becomes King

1 Samuel 16:1–13; 2 Samuel 5:1–10

King Saul repeatedly disobeyed God. When he rejected the Word of God, God rejected him as king. Samuel grieved for Saul, but the Lord told him to anoint one of the sons of Jesse in Bethlehem as the new king. Starting with the oldest, the Lord rejected seven sons. When asked if he had any other sons, Jesse said his youngest was in the field, keeping the sheep. Samuel insisted that Jesse send for this young man.

The Lord told Samuel to anoint this son, David, as king. Samuel did so, but David did not take the throne until many years later.

After David killed the giant Goliath, Saul took David into his home. Saul loved David, who often played the lyre to soothe him and served as his armor-bearer before becoming a soldier. But Saul grew jealous of David's military successes and suspicious of his friendships with Saul's children. Fearing a coup, Saul tried to kill David many times, but David was content to wait for God's timing.

David finally fled with a small army and tried to stay out of Saul's way. After Saul died, David became king of the one tribe of Judah during a seven-and-a-half-year political unrest. Once the unrest was resolved, all the tribes of Israel came to David and made a covenant with him before the Lord. He reigned for thirty-three more years.

Though a sinner, David trusted the Lord. Psalms he wrote testify to his faith and love of the Lord. Through David, God led His people and gave them victory over their enemies.

A thousand years later, David's descendant Jesus served God's people. He loved, healed, and taught them before dying to pay for the sins of the world, crucified on the cross. Jesus rose three days later, victorious over our enemies of sin, death, and the devil. He is our true and eternal King.

Prayer

Jesus, Son of David and Son of God, draw us near to You through Your Word and Sacraments. Fill us with faith and hope. Amen.

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