

Acts 13:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

Analysis

God's testimony about David - 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will' - connects Jesus to Davidic promises. Paul's citation emphasizes that God's choice rested on character ('after mine own heart') rather than external qualifications, pointing forward to Jesus as David's greater Son who perfectly fulfills God's will.

Historical Context

This quotation combines 1 Samuel 13:14 and Psalm 89:20, showing how early Christian preaching wove Scripture together to demonstrate Jesus's messianic credentials. David's flawed life found ultimate fulfillment in Christ's perfect obedience.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to be a person 'after God's own heart' despite personal failures and sins?
2. How does understanding Jesus as David's fulfillment change your reading of David's story?

Interlinear Text

καὶ μεταστήσας αὐτοῖς ἤγειρεν αὐτοῖς τὸν Δαβὶδ
And when he had removed him he raised up him G3588 **David**
G2532 G3179 G846 G1453 G846 G1138

εἰς βασιλέα ὃς καὶ εἶπεν μαρτυρήσας Εὗρον
to be their king to whom And and said he gave testimony I have found
G1519 G935 G3739 G2532 G2036 G3140 G2147

Δαβὶδ τὸν τοῦ Ἰεσσαὶ ἄνδρα κατὰ τὴν καρδίαν
David G3588 G3588 **the son of Jesse a man after** G3588 **heart**
G1138 G2421 G435 G2596 G2588

μου ὃς ποιήσει πάντα τὰ θελήματά μου
mine own to whom shall fulfil all G3588 **will** **mine own**
G3450 G3739 G4160 G3956 G2307 G3450

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 15:5 (References David): Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

1 Samuel 16:13 (References David): Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 16:1 (Kingdom): And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine

horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

1 Samuel 15:26 (Kingdom): And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.

1 Samuel 15:28 (Kingdom): And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.

1 Kings 15:3 (References David): And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father.

1 Samuel 15:23 (Kingdom): For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

Acts 7:46 (Parallel theme): Who found favour before God, and desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob.

2 Samuel 7:8 (References David): Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel:

2 Samuel 2:4 (Kingdom): And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, That the men of Jabesh-gilead were they that buried Saul.