

**Great Differences: Lessons from David & Solomon**

**This week** – Conversion can happen at any age - none too young or too old!

**When I consider Thy heavens,  
the work of Thy fingers...what is man,  
that Thou art mindful of him?** *Psalm 8v3-4.*

**Bible Readings for this week:**

*(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)*

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Psalm 8 (LORD, How excellent is Thy Name)	
Monday	Psalm 139 (No one can hide from God)	
Tuesday	Psalm 103 (Sin removed and forgotten by God)	
Wednesday	Psalm 19 (Cleanse me from my secret faults)	
Thursday	Psalm 14 (There is none that doeth good)	
Friday	Psalm 27 (Thy face LORD will I seek)	
Saturday	Psalm 23 (The LORD is my Shepherd )	

**Important Thought for us Today:** **Can a child be saved?** Yes! The Lord’s rebuke to his disciples in turning the children away shows that children are very important to God and can be saved. His surprising teaching is that although an adult and child are saved in the same way, the adult is the one that has to become like a child to be saved! (**Mark 10v15**). Once an adult or child realises their sinfulness and responds in repentance and faith, they can and will be saved, regardless of age. Biblical examples of children being saved are Timothy, who knew the scripture from a child (**2 Timothy 2.15**); Samuel who responded to God’s call whilst young; and David, whose testimony is outlined in today’s lesson.

**Will you, like David, seek the Lord now, while you are young?**

**Hymn 40v1. Based on Psalm 40 - David’s conversion testimony – Christ was his Rock.**

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| 1. I waited for the Lord my God<br>And patiently did bear;<br>At length to me He did incline,<br>My voice and cry to hear.<br>3. He put a new song in my mouth,<br>Our God to magnify;<br>Many shall see it, and shall fear<br>And on the Lord rely. | 2. He took me from a fearful pit<br>And from the miry clay,<br>And on a rock He set my feet,<br>Establishing my way.<br>4. O blessed is the man whose trust<br>Upon the Lord relies,<br>Respecting not the proud, nor such<br>As turn aside to lies. |
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*EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet*

*This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible*

**How the Difference in David Came About - His Conversion.**

• **The Stepping Stones of Conversion.**

- Each conversion is unique and personal but follows the same important steps.
  - **Fear (respect) of God – Eternal, Sovereign, Creator, Holy, and Saviour.**
  - **Acknowledgement of Our Own Sin Before God and heartfelt repentance .**
  - **Sincere Trust and Faith in God alone for Forgiveness, and Eternal Blessing.**

• **Where in the Bible is David’s conversion?**

- David is introduced as a believer when Samuel anoints him King (**1 Samuel 13.14**)
- His conversion as a young lad can be traced through his writings in the Psalms.

• **David wrote many Psalms which detail his conversion experience.**

- **Psalm 14v1. ‘The fool hath said in his heart, “There is no God.”’**
  - David knew how foolish it is to say, ‘There is no God.’
- **Psalm 19v1. ‘The heavens declare the glory of God.’**
  - David sincerely believed there must be an Omnipotent Creator God.
- **Psalm 8v3,4. ‘When I consider the heavens ... what is man that Thou art mindful of him?’** David is humbled before God his Creator.
  - David sees his insignificance compared to the vast night sky.
- **Psalm 139v7-12. ‘Thou art everywhere. There is nowhere to hide’.**
  - David knew that he could not hide his sin from an all-seeing God.
- **Psalm 40v1,2. ‘I waited patiently for the LORD; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.’** His Rock was the Saviour, The Lord Jesus Christ.
  - David knew heartfelt conviction of sin - that Christ would die for him.
- **Psalm 32v5. ‘I acknowledged my sin unto Thee ... and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.’**
  - David’s conversion – His heartfelt repentance and forgiveness.
- **Psalm 103v12. ‘As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.’**
  - David knew his sins were completely forgotten by God.
- **Psalm 23. ‘The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not want.’**
  - David knew the Lord as Shepherd, Guide, Protector, and Saviour.
- **Psalm 27v4. ‘That I may dwell in the House of The LORD all my days.’** David’s desire was to praise the LORD, now and for all eternity.

**Have we had David’s conversion experience for ourselves?**