

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

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The last chapter, number sixteen is so full that there was no way in four hundred words we could do anything but merely scratch the surface. This is a good place for us to be reminded of why we are doing what we are in this study, namely, to form a habit of reading the Word of God each day, if only a chapter. This is to form a ritual (good word) and routine (another good word) and habit (can be a very good word, if the habit is good and godly) of meeting God daily. God wants us to set an appointment with Him. He loves us and wants to lead us to a full, rich, productive, and purpose-filled life. We will never know that apart from reading the Words of God and meeting Him on a regular basis to hear His voice.

No sooner had David been anointed that it is said that the **"Spirit of God departed from Saul"** and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him. This is simple "demonization." Please understand that the terms we use in the west in reference to demons is inaccurate and incorrect. The term in the New Testament for what we call "demon possession vs demon oppression" are terms not

used in the Bible. The term used in the Bible is "demonization" and that can happen to a believer or nonbeliever. If you are a child of God, then God owns you and nothing can possess you, as in "owning" you. However, you can give yourself over to practices, routines, where demons are active and thereby opening yourself up to demonization. I suggest C. Fred Dickason, *"Angels, Elect and Evil"* another by Dickason, *"Demon Possession and the Christian"* God in His great sovereignty caused one to bring up David, son of Jesse's name as a person who could play an instrument to soothe the troubled soul. The servant who recommended David, said not only is he really a good musician, but he is man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person and on top of all that, the LORD is with him! David in short was everything that King Saul wishes he was! This could be trouble and it was...

Prayer and Action Steps

Today as you read the words of this commentary and might have read words that troubled you, be at peace. God is watching over you. Pray and rejoice.

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act?

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions?

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible?

