

# Setting Your Heart

on the

# Kingdom



## 2 SAMUEL AND 1 CHRONICLES

### *The Death of an Anointing*

*(The Principle of Honoring the Anointing)*

2 Samuel 1:1-27; 1 Chronicles 10:1-6

*Saul died twice...first spiritually, then physically.* For when his anointing died, so did his purpose for living. There was no question that the Spirit of the Lord had rested mightily upon Saul, but he stepped outside of his destiny in God. Prophetically he was called, and spiritually he was anointed to govern Israel and war against the enemies of God. So great was his calling that when the Holy Spirit came upon him he was “changed into another man” (1 Sam. 10:1-9). ***But when he played the fool with his anointing, the Spirit of God departed from him and Saul jealously set his heart to destroy David*** (1 Sam. 16:14; 18:7-12).

If anyone ever had justification to rejoice when Saul died, it was David. Three times Saul personally tried to kill him. Three other times he sought to have David assassinated. Saul murdered those who helped David...and even attempted to kill Jonathan, his own son, for befriending David. For nearly three years Saul relentlessly hunted David day and night in the wilderness, yet David refused to retaliate. Twice he could have killed Saul, but each time he was restrained by his unshakable ***honor for the anointing*** that Saul once had. ***And what was David's response to the death of his enemy? He mourned, wept and fasted!*** He even wrote a song lamenting the glory that Saul had lost. And amazingly, instead of rewarding the man who claimed to have killed Saul, David had him executed for daring to stretch out his hand against the Lord's anointed.

Do you know anyone who once had the anointing of God...then played the fool? ***Tragically, those who have lost it usually end up fighting against God and His Church!*** Possibly this person may have even turned against you as well. Above all, my friend, let God deal with your enemies (Rom. 12:17-21)...especially those who have once flowed in the anointing. Whether it's a former pastor, worship leader or church worker, God knows how to correct erring leaders...without your help! And if calamity besets them, grieve over them and never rejoice (Prov. 24:17-18). ***Speak highly of their gifts and refuse to recall their sins. Your own anointing will depend upon how you handle theirs!***

***Next: The Kingdom of God in 1 Kings & 2 Chron.: Voices...Be Careful Who You Listen To!***

