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Dear Associates and Friends,

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This fifth installment of the biblical history of the kingdoms of Israel and Judah is titled “[Israel and Judah: 5. David Desires to Build a Temple](#).” David challenges God in a way that almost had life-threatening consequences for him. This is surprising because David did not want to displease God, but he let arrogance get the better of him. It will not be for the last time.

What most people do not realize is that David loved the Law of God, the Torah. He loved it so much that he wrote a Psalm expressing his appreciation and gratitude for the Law of God given through angels (Acts 7:53; Galatians 3:19) and through Moses:

“Now setting a day for him, more came to him in the lodging, to whom he expounded, certifying to the kingdom of God, besides persuading them concerning Jesus, both from the law of Moses and the prophets, from morning till dusk.”

• *Acts 28:23, Concordant Literal Version*

David expressed his love for the Law of God in the very first Psalm:

“Happy is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked ...

But rather in the law of Yahweh is his delight,

And from His law is he soliloquizing [meditating] by day and night.”

• *Psalm 1:1–2, CLV*

“Soliloquizing” means to talk about something in your own mind, to meditate. David loved the Law of God so much that in Psalm 19:1–6 he praised the operations of the heavens that God made. Then he compared those heavens with the Law of God by praising His law.

**“The law of Yahweh is flawless, restoring the soul;
The testimony of Yahweh is faithful, making wise the simple;
The precepts of Yahweh are upright, rejoicing the heart;
The instruction of Yahweh is pure, enlightening the eyes;
The fear of Yahweh is clean, standing unto the future;
The judgments of Yahweh are truth; they are righteous altogether:
Coveted more than gold, and more than much glittering gold,
And sweeter than honey and drips of the combs.
Moreover, Your servant is being warned by them;
In the keeping of them is a great consequence.
Who can detect inadvertent errors?
From those concealed to me, hold me innocent.
Moreover, keep back Your servant from arrogancies; Let them not rule over me.
Then I shall be flawless, And I will be innocent of great transgression.
May the sayings of my mouth be acceptable
And the soliloquy of my heart be pleasing before You,
O Yahweh, my Rock and my Redeemer!**

Permanent A Davidic Psalm.

• *Psalm 19:7–14*

It is surprising that someone like David who writes so beautifully and persuasively in Psalms 1 and 2

and Psalm 19, can make such a serious mistake as we are told about in 2 Samuel chapter 7 and 1 Chronicles chapter 17. Yet we find that King David lost his humility, and also lost a great opportunity when arrogance overtook his judgment (“**keep back Your servant from arrogancies,**” verse 19:13 above). It will be the first of several serious mistakes David will make. He was truly a great man, yet he was truly a flawed man — just like you, just like me.

Perhaps the lure of power David had as God’s chosen and anointed King of God’s people Israel led him to make this mistake and others. David quickly discovered that he did not have as much freedom as he thought he had in either his life as king or in his personal life. If David had thought more about what God wanted, and asked God if it would be proper for him as king to do this act on God’s behalf, maybe YHWH would have let David have his fervent desire to build a House for God on earth. David lost his focus on God, God’s will, and on God’s sovereignty.

As King David discovered, God cannot be badgered, and He will not be ignored. Even though David was a man after (seeking) God’s own heart (Acts 13:22), David nevertheless had a heart that was deceitful and desperately wicked (Jeremiah 17:9) — just like you, just like me.

Perhaps David’s mistakes are grander and have more life-and-death consequence than your mistakes. Perhaps this is because he is on a larger stage than you and I have in our lives. That will all change in our resurrection from the dead. At that time we will have the righteousness of Christ placed around us when we become immortal as Christ’s younger brothers and sisters.

End-of-Year Information

As we approach the end of 2014, please keep two things in mind:

- (1) If you wish books sent to you before a certain date, keep in mind that we are not a large mass-market publisher and shipper, so please allow us a bit more time than large organizations that sell books. We will try to accommodate you, but that is not always possible.
- (2) Let us know NOW if you wish a **year-end receipt** for your records. The sooner we receive your request, the sooner we can provide you with the information you need in a timely manner after the first of the year.

Thank You

One thing we are thankful for is that Jesus Christ, King David’s greater Son, has completely fulfilled the Law of God for us and made us righteous “**in Christ**” (Romans chapter 6 and 7:7–25). Some do not like to read such words, yet they are the words of God through Paul.

We are also thankful that information about the true historical location of the Temples of God in the City of David above the Gihon Springs in Jerusalem is expanding to more and more people every day.¹ It is becoming difficult to keep track of the many websites that know, teach, and even promote this biblical and historical truth. We want to thank all of you who have purchased teaching from ASK.

Finally, we are thankful for your support this year and throughout the years to continue the work and legacy of Dr. Ernest L. Martin. His work deserves to flourish. You help keep that happening month after month, year after year. We are grateful for you. May God influence you to continue to support what we do, and may God bless you for your generous hearts, your prayers, and all your communications to us throughout the years.

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¹ See Dr. Ernest L. Martin’s book, “[The Temples That Jerusalem Forgot.](#)”