No Grip on Theology: A Serious Sermon Deficiency
Sermon Preparation

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Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, (2 Samuel 23:1)

Theology is the substance of our preaching. If theology is the substance of the sermon, a lack thereof makes for a deficient sermon. When we look at a text, we should not only see the events of the text, but the theology in the text, which consists throughout the Bible. Every erroneous teaching starts with a misunderstanding of the nature and character of God. Before we can get to the Theological Outline, we must analyze the text and create an Exegetical Outline. The objective in this outline is to (1) dig deep into the text using tools and resources (2) think through text and other related text, and (3) restate the text in a more digestible way.

- **Understand the book:** 2 Samuel is the record of King David's reign. (Read the Book)
- **Outline the chapter:** 1) David's last words 2) David's mighty men.
- **Get the main idea of your pericope:** Indentifying David as he gives his last song

I. EXEGETICAL OUTLINE (also called, a Analytical Outline, Hermeneutical Outline, etc)

A. Now these be the last words of David >>> **David left a godly legacy**
   1. David's last words were preoccupied with what was most important to him, viz. God.
   2. The last words of David were a testimony of how God worked in his life.
   3. David wrote down what he wanted folk to remember.

B. David the son of Jesse said >>> **David was nobody** *(Hebrew word translated said mean oracle)*
   1. David's father was a farmer and sheep breeder; he was not nobility. (*Jesse means "King" or "God's gift"*)
   2. David was the least of the sons of Jesse in the eyes of his dad.
   3. David was a keeper of his dad's sheep and a gopher to take food to his brothers on the battlefield.

C. and the man who was raised up on high >>> **But God made David somebody (King)**
   1. God made David somebody in the eyes of his Father, Jesse, has no consideration of David being honorable even among his sons.
   2. God exalted David above his brothers who thought so little of him.
   3. God gave David honor and praise in the eyes of the people above King Saul.

D. the anointed of the God of Jacob >>> **God gave David authority for the position.**
   1. God personally selected David to be king.
   2. God exclusively selected David to be king.
   3. God providentially brought David to the throne.

E. and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said >>> **God gave David Power for ministry.**
   1. This very passage, verse 1-7, is actually "The Last Song of David."
   2. David's music ministered to all of Israel as it did once before minister personally to Saul.

3. More psalms in the bible are attributed to David than any other.

II. THEOLOGICAL OUTLINE

The middle outline moves from textual observation of the occurrences of antiquity to principle thoughts about God and how He has designed things to work (whether they be sinful or righteous.) **So at this point we are looking for big theological ideas gathered from the WHOLE OF SCRIPTURE.** Such an idea is stated in the scripture over and over in various ways: it is affirmed in narrative, didactic, and gospel texts. The plain things are the main things and the main things are the plain things. Interpretation of the unclear must never contradict the clear. In other words, where scripture speaks with unequivocal and emphatic clarity, obscure, vague and narrative text, cannot be understood in opposition or contradiction to the clear text.

A. Every Christian's life, especially the leader's, is about what God has done (Glory)
1) David attributes none of his success to himself, but all to God. (V1-7)
2) **REF:** Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. (Psalm 127:1)
3) **REF:** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

B. Every godly leader is given value and exposed for his worth by God alone (Exaltation)
1) God does not need your help lifting you up. (**Humility**) V3&5 My house does not meet the just demands of God, yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant.
2) **REF:** And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. (Matthew 23:12)
3) **REF:** Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: (1 Peter 5:6)

C. Every godly leader bears the authorization of God for the assign position
1) David is clear in verse 2 and 3 that he is speaking the word of God. *(His word was in my tongue.)*
2) **REF**: Let God be true, and every human being a liar. As it is written: "So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge." (Romans 3:4)
3) **REF:** 18And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. 19And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (Matthew 16:18-19)
4) **THEOLOGICAL TEACHING:** The authority of God is THE AUTHOR flowing through you.

D. Every godly leader is fitted with a gift(s) as means of increase as you bless the people.
1) This last words of David here before use is a song (V2-7)
2) **REF:** A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men. (Proverbs 18:16)
3) **REF:** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. (1 Corinthians 12:7)

THINK YOURSELF EMPTY, READ YOURSELF FULL, WRITE YOURSELF CLEAR, PRAY YOURSELF HOT AND GO PREACH JESUS