

Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

Inquiring of the Lord

- Ahimelech inquired of the Lord for David [1 Sam 22:15].
- The first record of a person inquiring of the Lord was Abraham [Gen 15:1-4].
 - Inquiring of the Lord was based upon previously revealed Truth.
 - Inquiring of the Lord resulted in an immediate verbal reply.
 - Inquiring of the Lord involved direct verbal conversation [Gen 17:17-22].
 - Inquiring of the Lord revealed what the Lord's will was [Gen 18:17-18].
 - Inquiring of the Lord also had the potential for asking for something to become the Lord's will [Gen 18:22-33].
- The first *explicit* record of an inquiry of the Lord was Rebekah [Gen 25:22].
 - Her inquiry was based upon previously answered prayer [Gen 25:21].
 - Her inquiry resulted in an immediate verbal reply [Gen 25:23].
- During the wilderness wanderings, Moses and Aaron were the primary designated inquirers of the Lord.
 - This role was overwhelming for Moses in the beginning [Ex 18:13-16].
 - Jethro shared wisdom with Moses by telling him that increased teaching would decrease the need for many of these inquiries [Ex 18:19-20].
 - Moses was blessed to be able to inquire of the Lord face-to-face [Ex 33:7-11].
 - These inquiries resulted in immediate verbal replies [Num 9:1-14; 27:1-11].
- Gentile prophets were also given the privilege of inquiring of the Lord [Num 22:7-13].
- God revoked the privilege of inquiry as part of His discipline [1 Sam 14:37; 28:6; Ezek 20:31].
- Inquiries can be made of Satanic sources as well, but this evil is always an abomination [Deut 18:10-12; 1 Sam 28:7-19; 1 Chr 10:13-14; 2 Kgs 1:2-3; Isa 8:19].
- As Church Age believer-priests, we have a face-to-face relationship with Christ and have full privilege of inquiry [Heb 12:1-2; 4:16].
 - The process for our inquiry is through prayer.
 - Through Christ we can ask for anything according to His will [Matt 21:22; John 16:24; 1 John 5:14].
 - Our answers today do not come in the form of immediate verbal replies.
 - As our heart is enlightened [Eph 1:18-21] and our mind is transformed [Rom 12:2], we come to understand God's will [Col 1:9-10 cf. Eph 5:17].