

Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

Better Things

- David decided that it would be better for him to flee to Philistia [1 Sam 27:1].
 - David was carnal and was operating from human viewpoint rather than divine viewpoint.
 - Human viewpoint prefers the opposite of what is actually better [Ex 14:12; Num 14:3].
 - Human viewpoint thinks that more is always better [Jdgs 18:14-19].
 - Human viewpoint fails to recognize the better counsel [2 Sam 17:1-14].
 - Human viewpoint thinks that our own ideas are better than God's way [2 Kgs 5:1-14].
 - Human viewpoint places trust in people rather than in the Lord which is better [Psalm 118:8-9].
- A heart of obedience is better than external acts of ritual [1 Sam 15:22; Psalm 69:30-31].
- The poverty of a believer is better than the prosperity of an unbeliever [Ps 37:16; Pr 16:8].
- The wisdom which comes from the Word of God is better than any financial prosperity [Psalm 119:72; Prov 3:14; 8:11, 19; 16:16].
- Integrity and a good reputation are better than financial prosperity [Prov 22:1; 28:6].
- God's lovingkindness is better than physical life itself [Psalm 63:3].
 - A mature believer can see physical death as the better option [Phil 1:21-24].
 - Carnal believers can see physical death as a better option [Job 7:15-16; 1 Kgs 19:1-4; Jonah 4:1-11].
- Fellowship with God is better than anything the pleasures of the flesh can offer [Ps 84:10].
- Patience and self-control are better than power and success [Prov 16:32].
- Believers understand that eternal rewards are better than any amount of hardship in this life [2 Cor 4:17-18].
- Believers functioning in the will of God are better servants [Dan 1:19-20].
- It is better to lose a body part than to suffer eternal damnation [Matt 5:29-30; 18:8-9].
- Assembling together as believers is supposed to be a better thing, but without love and unity it is a worse thing [1 Cor 11:16-22].
- God's plan for believers is to enjoy better things that accompany salvation [Heb 6:9-12].
- Believers who are focused on eternity realize they have better possessions [Heb 10:34] and a better place [Heb 11:16] awaiting them.
- Believers today live in a better age than the Old Testament saints [Heb 11:39-40].
- Conclusion: We should use God's wisdom (divine viewpoint) to determine what the better things are and have a genuine appreciation for the better things which God has given us in His matchless grace.