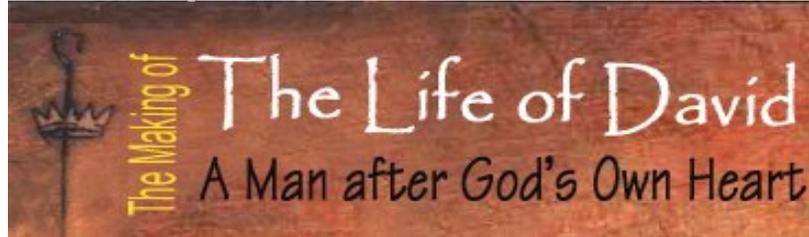




1 Samuel 16:13-23

Creating Influence Sunday, Feb 26th 2006



It happened this week... perhaps you saw it

According to a BBC News release on Wednesday. German police officer Volker Munk said: "It was not very pleasant"

The village of Elsa was flooded by a green-brown liquid...and that liquid was pig manure...

A tank containing the "fertilizer" burst...flooded the courtyards and streets of Elsa with 52,800 gallons of liquid pig manure... the "muck" as they called it - was 20 inches deep in the village

...Not very pleasant

Odd story...what does that have to do with us today?

Today – I want to talk to you about Influence

- Influence? Yes, Webster's dictionary defines as:
- "to affect or alter by indirect or intangible means"

Jesus described as living water **John 7:38** 

Question – what is flowing from your life? What impact and aroma are you influencing others with?

Open to 1 Sam 16  ...Creating Influence (Making of)

I. Influence of the Spirit

1. **1 Sam 16:13-14** Several troubling issues to deal with...

2. **1st – What is this Distressing Spirit?**

- a. Lit – bad spirit (several trans) – demon
- b. **Demon? Those real? Yes!**
 - i) Bible: innumerable spirits, angels ministering to us- real
 - ii) One angel fell- Lucifer – took 1/3 with- demons
 - iii) Are involved, doing battle against **Eph 6:12** 
- c. **Important to have a balanced understanding - 2 extremes**
 - i) 1st lie - Don't believe in – Keith Green song,
 - A. satan likes that, doesn't shake that
 - B. Primary tactic here in USA

- ii) Opposite lie - Believe stronger than are
 - A. Fear, almost glorifying them too much
 - B. Demons are subject to God – see in Job
 - C. Here – “*from the Lord*” – under dominion
 - D. Actually serve purpose of God

3. 2nd Issue – the Spirit Departed – what is this?

- a. David saw...feared – Ps 51:11 📖
- b. That verse, this –often misunderstood, misused
 - i) Some use this in eternal security debate
 - ii) Comparing apples & oranges–different things
- c. Defining work of Spirit – 3 prepositions
 - i) With, in and Upon 📖
- d. With – outside influence–Gen 6:3; Jn 16:8; 14:16-17
 - i) If not a Christian – what He is doing, drawing you
- e. In – Indwelling a Christian–Jn 20:22; Ep 1:13; Ro 8:9
 - i) Radical relationship – not true in OT
 - ii) Only now, as sin dealt with at Cross
- f. Upon – Power, anointing for service – Acts 1:4-8; 2:4; 4:8, 31; 13:52; Eph 4:30, 5:18, 1 Thes 5:19
 - i) Existed in OT – on some – Samson, Elijah, etc
 - ii) In NT – New in application – all, instead of some
 - iii) But the picture of power is the same
- g. Notice, 1 Sam 16 – looking at Upon work
 - i) Therefore not about losing salvation
 - ii) Is about losing power, anointing – possible
 - iii) We can quench, we can grieve Spirit

4. Lesson – as Saul loses influence of Spirit, influence of a demon takes over

- a. To the extent that we are not influenced by the Spirit, to that extent – open to other influences
 - i) Saw again...clearly – forcefully
 - ii) If not walking in Spirit – open to world (Rom 12:2)
 - iii) If not walking in Spirit – open to flesh(Ga 5, Ro 8)
 - iv) If not walking in Spirit – open to demonic
- b. Jim – are you saying Christians can be possessed
 - i) NO – Christians cannot be possessed
 - ii) Demon possession is real – dominion by
 - A. See in NT – has control over person
 - iii) Impossible for a Christian
 - iv) But...a Christian can be oppressed, influenced from the outside...not the inside (see in Peter)
 - v) Not trying to scare – but warn, real

5. Before we pass this – understand this

- a. Don't ever look at Saul and try to explain away
 - i) Not schizophrenia, manic depression ,etc
 - ii) Not physiological, not chemical...entirely spiritual
- b. It was disobedience...it was demonic

II. Influence of Worship

1. Why did God do this? Allow demon? Cause?

- a. Honestly believe – meant to drive back to Lord
- b. Similar scripture used of church discipline, delivering over to satan...not to punish, bring back
- c. **Servants solution** -Deal w/symptoms, not the cause

2. Find a worshipper – bring calm

- a. See God orchestrating – David brought in...up
- b. See David's character...wonderful
 - i) Main thing – God is with him
- c. Plan works – when David worships, demon gone

3. Lesson – is a Warfare in Worship – Spiritual Warfare

a. Good lesson to learn – to know

- i) As we deal w/demonic oppression – turn to worship – sing a song, sing a hymn
- ii) Many testimonies about– know favorite worship

b. Warning – it needs to be worship

- i) Why work? Focus on God, His presence
- ii) Is “worship” today, that is not worship
 - A. Focus on me, on worship...not God
 - B. Doesn't glorify, doesn't bring presence
 - C. Seek true worship – pleasing God

c. Warning – music is powerful

- i) If worship drives away satan
- ii) Wonder...music quench spirit, bring demonic
 - A. Not styles...beats....focus, words
 - B. Personally believe greater power in music, than most understand...call you to consider

III. David's Influence

1. As see this whole scene – in palace – amazing

2. Consider the contrast

- a. David is a teen...these are men
- b. David is a shepherd – these most powerful men in the country – the leaders (president)
 - i) Lacks refinement of a palace – easily intimidated

3. David...is the most powerful influence in room

a. Spiritually speaking....wow

b. Consider, say again

4. Speak to young men, women - teens

a. Something drawing, amazing about

b. Today – in this world – massive influences against you

i) Normal course...carried along by it

ii) Peer pressure, world pressure, demonic

c. Doesn't always happen – wonderful exceptions

i) Didn't with David

ii) Didn't with Joseph

iii) Didn't with Daniel

iv) God was with each of these – distinguished them

v) It is a personal prayer, longing of mine for you

5. Widen – O that it were true of all – many here

a. Sadly...many influenced more by world, flesh, devil

b. Statistics are all too telling – church is like world

c. Doesn't have to be that way...God's plan is different

d. Question...are you being influenced by your surroundings...or are you influencing them?

Conclusion

Our lives – supposed to gush forth living water

- We are to be the fragrance of Christ **2 Cor 2:14-16**
- Remind of first story – pig fertilizer...yuck
- Our lives, supposed to have living water
- Does yours? Are you such an influence?

How do we do that? How do we have that?

- Key of section, David has Spirit upon Him
- We need to be filled by the Spirit- continually
- How? Jesus said to ask – **Luke 11:11-13**
- Picture of garden hose – connect, turn on
- There is something in God's work with us, that requires us to ask – doesn't force on us
- Theological debate – not unimportant
 - But call you to focus on reality
 - Do you have? If not ask for – connect

But there is also another thing

- If connect, turn on hose – doesn't work...often the problem – obstruction, kink in hose
- Don't grieve the Spirit – be afraid of like David
- Don't quench the Spirit – don't saw no

Gospel

Today – if unsaved

- Know this – under satan's dominion – **Eph 2**
- May not believe, but is so true – playing you like a puppet
- Is a way out....now, eternally – Cross
 - Make you alive!