

## Broken Bread & Poured Out Wine

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As we continue our look at the life of David, it's important to realize another "Who am I?" moment in his life. Read 2 Samuel 7:5-19. What did God promise David concerning the longevity of his kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_

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God promised David that he and his descendants would rule forever. Who is David's most famous descendant, given the title of "Son of David" in Matthew 9:27? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus alone holds the Messianic title, "Son of David". Follow the family line from David to Jesus in Matthew 1:1-17, and see the connection yourself.

How is God's promise to David echoed in His promise to Mary, found in Luke 1:26-33? \_\_\_\_\_

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign for ever and ever!" (Revelation 11:15) You'd think Jesus would've grabbed hold of His promised kingdom without batting an eye, but Scripture depicts the struggle He endured before taking the throne. Read Matthew 26:36-42. What were Jesus' emotions as He prayed in the place called Gethsemane? \_\_\_\_\_

Gethsemane literally means "oil press; a place for squeezing the oil out of olives". What was squeezed out of Jesus in His anguished prayers in the garden of Gethsemane, which is also known as the Mount of Olives in Luke 22:39-44? \_\_\_\_\_

Imagine praying so fervently that the sweat squeezed out of you "was like drops of blood falling to the ground"! We have never experienced grief at that level, but surely our hearts have felt like it. Can you relate, and if so how? \_\_\_\_\_

As painful as our suffering may be, what does it allow us to share in according to Romans 8:17? \_\_\_\_\_

We may share in Christ's sufferings, but we will also share in His glory. Jesus had to sacrifice His very life to receive His inheritance. Praise God, He requires a different sacrifice of us! What is it according to Romans 12:1?

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We offer ourselves as *living sacrifices* to God, poured out like a drink offering (Philippians 2:17). Are you ready to sacrifice in that way? Is there a part of your life where you've been asked to pour yourself out in service to another, and if so have you followed through? \_\_\_\_\_

We usually don't get to choose what our sacrifice will be. What we do get to choose is if we'll drink the cup God has handed us. What was the outcome of Jesus' decision concerning His cup in Matthew 26:39 and 42? \_\_\_\_\_

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Jesus knew it was God's will that He drink that divine cup. Being willing to submit to God's will allows us to drink our cup of calling, as well. Be it sweet or bitter, we can drink our cup in communion with Christ. When we do, we soon realize that our calling is nothing less than being made broken bread and poured out wine, ourselves. Once God squeezes us into wine that will benefit His other children, then we get to echo David's heart by asking, "Who am I, Lord, that I might understand the deepest secrets of Your Word?"

Offer your own personalized prayer to God here now, beginning with "Who am I?" \_\_\_\_\_

As you continue to be in communion with Christ in prayer, pick up the bread and the cup from the Communion table. Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 which mirror the words of Christ in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Examine yourself before the Lord, being sure to note any directives given to you by the Holy Spirit here: \_\_\_\_\_

Now, eat the bread – broken for you – and drink the cup of the new covenant, poured out for the forgiveness of your sins. Thank Jesus for His sacrifice. Offer your own living sacrifice to Him in prayer. Continue following Him, even when that means going through Gethsemane, and keep 1 Corinthians 15:58 in your heart as you write it here on paper: \_\_\_\_\_

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