

Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

Being Odious

- Definitions and Vocabulary
 - Odious (Dictionary.com)
 - ✦ deserving or causing hatred; hateful; detestable
 - ✦ highly offensive; repugnant; disgusting
 - Hebrew vocabulary:
 - שׂוֹאֵשׁ (ba'ash) – have a bad smell, be odious
 - שׂוֹשׁ (bə'osh) – stench, foul odor
 - These two Hebrew words are used to describe the smell of death [Ex 7:18, 21; Ecc 10:1; Isa 34:3; Joel 2:20; Amos 4:10].
- Development and Application
 - Being odious before people
 - ✦ Jacob was odious before the Canaanites and Perizzites [Gen 34:30].
 - ✦ The Israelites were odious before Pharaoh [Ex 5:21].
 - ✦ Israel was odious before the Philistines [1 Sam 13:4].
 - ✦ King Achish believed that David had become odious before his own people [1 Sam 27:12].
 - ✦ The Ammonites were odious before David [2 Sam 10:6].
 - ✦ Ahithophel counseled Absalom to do evil to make himself odious before David [2 Sam 16:21].
 - Being odious before God
 - ✦ The manna became odious when the Israelites were odious before God in their disobedience [Ex 16:20].
 - ✦ The manna was not odious when the Israelites were not odious before God in their obedience [Ex 16:24].
 - ✦ When we become odious before God as a result of our sin it should motivate us to repent [Psalm 38:3-18].
 - ✦ The way of the wicked is odious before God [Prov 13:5].
 - Being a fragrant aroma before God
 - ✦ Imitating Christ by walking in love is a fragrant aroma before God [Eph 5:1-2].
 - ✦ Sacrificial love shown through service to other believers is a fragrant aroma before God [Phil 4:8].
 - ✦ Praise, thanksgiving, doing good and sharing are also well-pleasing sacrifices [Heb 13:15-16].
 - ✦ As we walk in the Light God manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Christ [2 Cor 2:14].
 - ✦ This is a fragrant aroma to believers and the aroma of death to unbelievers [2 Cor 2:15-16].

- Conclusions
 - Unlike the idols of this world, God is a loving God who speaks to us, sees our needs, hears our prayers, and smells our aroma [Psalm 115:1-6].
 - Our aroma can be a fragrant aroma before God, but when we walk according to the flesh, we are odious before God.
 - We can also be odious before people.
 - Sometimes we are odious before both people and God because of our sins.
 - Sometimes we are odious before people because we manifest the sweet aroma of Christ.
 - Whenever we are odious before God, we need to repent and confess our sins [1 John 1:9].