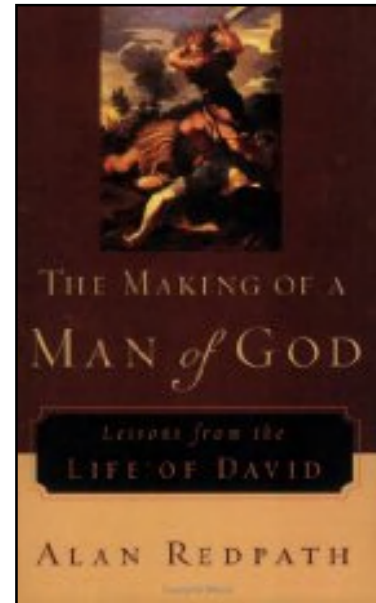


## The Making of a Man of God by Alan Redpath

Written (or published) in 1962, this book is based on Bible scriptures pertaining to David; the books (of the Bible) include 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel, 1 Chronicles, and Psalm. The summary of the book provided below is courtesy of the Website [www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com).

David was a shepherd, a king, a soldier, a poet, a sinner and a saint; but he was also a man *after God's own heart*. Blending his insights with verse from the cited scriptures (or books) listed above, Alan demonstrates how God shapes those who are responsible to his love.

You may recall from your own reading (of these books) and general Bible study, that David was ordained to become king of Israel – to succeed Saul. This ordination was not the final step however as David would have to flee (as a fugitive) the wrath of Saul – who had disobeyed God and subsequently lost the Holy Spirit. Though Saul would eventually die in battle, he still remained determined to maintain his position and power – which included ending the life of David. In other words, Saul tried disobeying God.



Having shared of the account of Saul's turn (1 Samuel, chapter 16) in my summary of the book, *Freedom from Fear*, it deserves to be described again – because it was so much a part of David's spiritual growth and pursuit of God. Saul's fall (from God) would serve as an example (to David) as the outcome of losing one's faith – of rebelling against God. Thus, David learned a *hard lesson* in the consequences of disobedience to God (by Saul).

David became a man (of God) through the example of Saul – who spurned God's Lordship – and the consequences that demanded he trust God. When you have the power of the present king in pursuit, what can you possibly do but depend on the Heavenly king to *make good* on his promises! David had to pass through the *crucible* to be formed or prepared for what God had planned for him and the nation.

