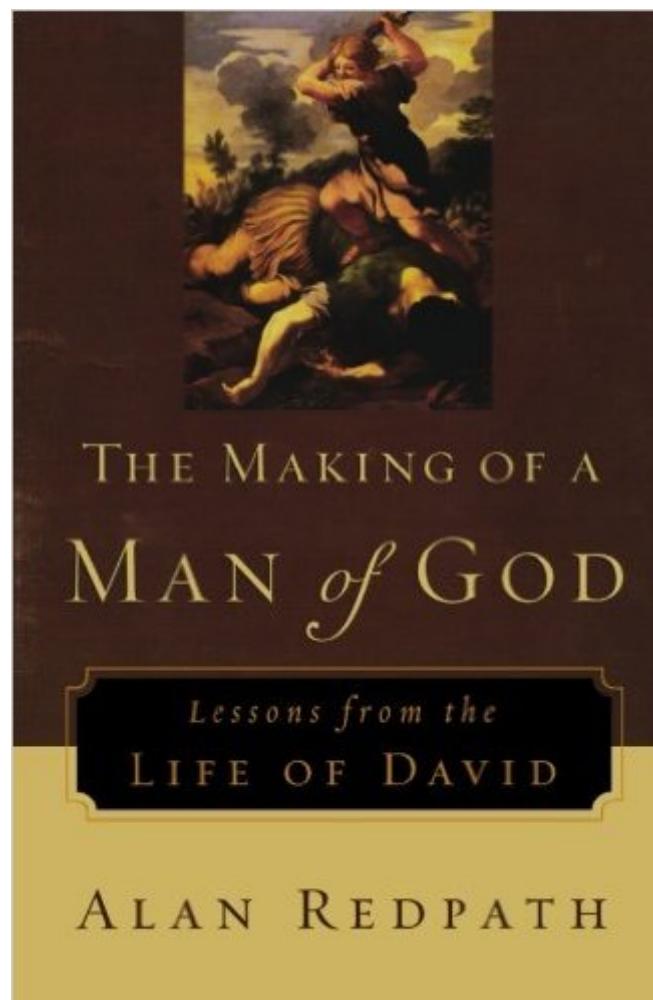


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# The Making Of A Man Of God: Lessons From The Life Of David



## Synopsis

David was a shepherd and a king, a soldier and a poet, a sinner and a saint. He was also a man after God's own heart. In this Christian classic, Alan Redpath blends insights from 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 Chronicles, and Psalms to demonstrate how God shapes those who are responsive to his love.

Despite his many faults, David became a man who wondrously understood and reflected the mind of God. Both men and women will find themselves identifying with David's struggles and triumphs, giving them a glimpse of how God is continually shaping them as well.

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Although this book carries a recent date, it is actually a reprint of a book that was first published over 40 years ago. It is not a revised edition, or anything. Just the latest printing. I make a point of mentioning that, because there are some statements in the book that obviously date it and are a bit distracting. But this is a devotional text on the life of David, who lived quite a bit more than 40 years ago, so if you can get past some of the outdated references, this really is a very good book. This book is not heavily theological. It is easy to read, and would perhaps be a good starting point for those who may not have a large familiarity with devotional literature. I have long been interested in the correlation between the Psalms written by David, and the narratives in the historical books (Samuel, Kings, and Chronicles) that outline the events in his life which produced his poetry. So any book on the life of David has an appeal to me. But the life of David is important for another reason. David is, in many ways, a symbol of the identity of Israel as a nation. Jesus Christ is referred to as

the "Son of David." And the Old Testament says time and again that God refrained from wiping out one king or another because of his "covenant with David." David was the one king who established Israel as a political entity. His son Solomon actually built the temple, but David designed it. More compelling than anything, though, is the statement in scripture that David was a "man after God's own heart." Who would not be interested in knowing what it was about this man that made him so uniquely appealing to God? Alan Redpath was a British theologian who was, at the time of this writing, the pastor of Moody Church in Chicago. He writes in an easy style, and each chapter is built from a specific text on the life of David. The events in each scripture text are interpreted in the light of how they relate to a general principle of spiritual development in the life of any man of God. This book would be perfect for a men's Bible study. It is easy to read, and is divided neatly into twenty-seven short chapters, each of which would smoothly accommodate an evening study period.

It was really a struggle to finish this book. While the quality of the author's writing is better than average, the tone he takes often makes me feel like I'm not his audience. It seems like he assumes elements of connection "everyone must have thought this...." Well, I've certainly never thought that. The first time I had that reaction, I thought it was just me, but we read this in my men's group and I found that others had a similar response. It seems like the scholarship is good, but some of his pronouncements/conclusions seem very much over the top. You must do this, or you must not do this.... if I were a younger believer, I'd feel like there was little hope for a sinner such as me. Having said all that, I'm really glad I read it. But I'm even more glad that I'm finished reading it.

This book is not for those who enjoy shallow relationships. But this is a MUST READ for anyone who desires an intimate and fulfilling relationship with God. Although this book is not necessarily written for ministers, every minister should have one and read it over and over. Mr. Redpath helps us understand how God takes us from a salvation experience and trains us through various processes, eventually forming us into faithful and effective soldiers for Jesus Christ. You can believe it: there are no better books on the subject!

Alan Redpath pen these words many years ago but they are still essential for today's man. While not technically written for men (God's Word is profitable for all) it helps guide men through today's world and its pitfalls. This is an excellent tool for counseling young men interested in ministry. If a reader is a pastor, be prepared to buy many copies of this book - you'll never be able to keep your copy! A book worth reading at least once a year.

Alan Redpath gives precious insights in his study of the life of David and relates them to modern day Christian life extremely well. An excellent book for serious Christians!

The author leads the reader thoughtfully through major events in David's life and shows how those events, and David's reactions to them, nurtured the creation of a Man of God. Every man can learn something from this book.

This is an incredible book we used for a guys small group. Every chapter has been highlighted and re-read many times, and I continue to get more from it every time I read it. I can't recommend this book any higher.

Alan Redpath delivers challenging insights into the life of David in this life-changing book. Your knowledge of the person of God and your practical walk with Him will be profoundly deepened by this book. This is a book that is enjoyable to read and extremely practical.

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