

## Having a *David* (Godly) Heart

In Acts 13:22, When Paul was preaching in the Jewish synagogue at Antioch of Pisidia, he referenced a statement made by Samuel to King Saul back in 1Sam.13:14. There Samuel informs Saul that God would take the kingdom from him and give it to “*a man after His* (God’s) *own heart...*” The man to which God, Samuel, and Paul referred was David, the son of Jesse.

We unfortunately remember people for their specific *short-comings* rather than more completely for their *over-comings*. Accordingly, we might be prone to associate David with his failures regarding Bathsheba, or the bloody nature of his military exploits and kingdom. Surely neither of these was overlooked by God, and in fact, the latter sprang from the former, 2Sam.12:10.

**But, if this is the only view we have of David, we are indeed missing what God saw in Him, cf. Acts 13:22!**

How could a man guilty of adultery and murder, and who was prevented from building a house for God because of all the *blood on his hands* (cf. 2Sam.7:2-13; 1Chron.22:8; 28:2-3), be called “*a man after God’s own heart*”? The answer can be found, in part at least, in David’s response to God’s refusal, 2Sam.7:18-29. What a prayer of thanksgiving, honor, and reverence for God in the face of what could have been disappointment and shame! But not so with David! He shows us his heart.

But there are other clear indicators of the “heart” of David- **just read the Psalms!** Let’s examine just a few of these to get a closer look at David’s heart, that we might come to know, and perhaps grow, a *godly* heart of our own.

### I. David’s heart was in the right place of *understanding* and *action (mentally)*, 1:1-6

- >It *walked* in the right place, v.1a
- >It *stood* in the right place, v.1b
- >It *sat* in the right place, v.1c
- >It *delighted* in the right place, v.2a
- >It *meditated* in the right place (and at the right times!), v.2b
- >It *stayed firm* in the right place and *bore the right fruit at the right time*, v.3.

### II. David’s heart was in the right place of *refuge (security)*, 16:1-6

- >It had the right *refuge* (place of *shelter/protection*), v.1
- >It had the right *Lord* (Master, Controller), v.2a
- >It had the right *self-image*, v.2b
- >It had the right *company*, v.3
- >It had the right *worship* because it has the right *God*, v.4
- >It had the right *support*, v.5
- >Therefore, it had the right *inheritance*, v.6

### **III. David's heart was in the right place of emotion/affection (*emotionally*), 18:1-3**

- >It had the right *power supply*, v.1
- >It had the right *foundation*, v.2a
- >It had the right *security* and *deliverer*, v.2b
- >It had the right *protection* and *weapon*, v.2c
- >It had the right *Savior*, v.3

### **IV. David's heart was in the right place regarding sin (*generally & conceptually*), 19:12-14**

- >It was in the right place regarding *self-deception*, v.12
- >It was in the right place regarding *motivation*, v.13
- >It was in the right place regarding *desire*, v.14

### **V. And David's heart was in the right place regarding his sin (*specifically & individually*), 51:1-19**

- >It had the right *sense of accountability*, vv.1-4
- >It had the right *attitude of repentance*, vv.5-9
- >It had the right *desire/motivation for restoration*, vv.10-13
- >It had the right *spirit of sacrifice* and *praise*, vv.14-17
- >It had the right *long-term overall goal*, vv.18-19

### **VI. Conclusion**

While certainly no one should desire the *sins* of David, oh, if we could have our *hearts* in the same places as his:

- in the right place of understanding and action;
- in the right place of refuge;
- in the right place of emotion and affection;
- in the right place regarding sin in general; and
- in the right place regarding our own sins specifically!