

**Introduction:**

- *"Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision."* (1 Samuel 3:1, ESV)
  - What does God do when the Word of the Lord is rare?
    - He raises up prophets to release revelation. Samuel
      - Prophets, prophetic people, prophetic gifts.
    - He raises up kings to carry that revelation in their heart. David
      - David treasured his prophets and seers that were around him.
    - He raises up nations to demonstrate what it is to walk with a heart after God. Israel
- God is looking for a people after His heart. Lets glance at two scriptures
  - *"Hear, my son, and be wise, and direct your heart in the way."* (Proverbs 23:19, ESV) Heb = steps, or sometimes leads, establish steps.
  - *"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ."* (2 Thessalonians 3:5, ESV)
- I wanted us to see that we can direct our heart to God and that God also can direct our hearts. Pity the man who does not direct his heart to God or who has no one praying that his heart be directed towards God.

**I. God Looks For Those Whose Hearts Are Loyal To Him**

- A. 2 Chron 16:9 (NKJV) *For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.*
  1. God is looking. His eyes are in every place and He searches the whole world to show Himself strong to those whose hearts are after Him. King Asa failed to keep looking to God for strength. And died with diseased feet. Steps not directed to God.
  2. God was wanting an opportunity to show himself strong to Asa...or anyone else among us who would look to him.
- B. In fact, it's this seeking after God's heart that He commends.
  1. He is seeking a people whose heart is seeking after His heart.
  2. This was God's testimony of King David. *"He raised up for Israel, David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'"* (Acts 13:22) 1 Sam 13:14 *The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people.* NKJV. God sought, searched looked for a man after Gods heart.
- C. We have David as our example to follow or model after.
  1. David directed his heart towards God.
  2. *"My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; In the morning I will direct it to You, And I will look up."* (Psalm 5:3, NKJV)
  3. So many of the Psalms and Proverbs written about God have to do with God's heart and Davids heart. You discover the beauty of God's emotions and Davids response to them. It makes my heart want to know God more!
  4. What set David apart from all others was not his obedience, his ability to lead armies, or to find the power of God. What made David attractive to God was his passion to know God!

He did not just know about Him...David knew Him!

5. Jesus touches on the heart of this kind of person in John 4:23 True worshippers that will worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. To worship like this requires a heart abandoned to God.
6. Worship make us incredibly attractive to God

## II. What Qualifies Us To Be Considered After God's Own Heart?

- A. David was committed to obeying the commands of God's heart. This is the most noted thing of David's life.
  1. Some examples:
    - a) He was convicted for cutting off a piece of the King Saul's robe.
    - b) He poured out the cup of cool water to the Lord that his men risked their lives for, for him.
    - c) He was a man of his word to Jonathan.
    - d) He repents of his sin with Bathsheba. Psalm 51.
  2. His obedience was not out of his head by sheer will power. It was from his heart that truly loved God.
    - a) *"Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." (John 14:23, ESV)*
    - b) David was tough. He was determined. He was fearless. But was all of those things inside the love of God.
- B. He was committed to knowing God's heart and emotions. Knowing/experiencing God's 'hesed' love. His unfailing loving kindness, unrelenting, covenant love.
  1. David would gaze upon God's beauty and write songs! Songs that everyone would sing. God was looking for this kind of king to teach his people by song and by example.
  2. If we are going to have a heart after God this is how we must know Him too.
- C. David was passionate about everyone seeing the full release of God's power and promises.
  1. David's Tabernacle - 4,000 full-time musicians, 288 singers. Worship 24/7 everyday. God was that important to David's leadership of his nation.
  2. David believed God to throw down not only Goliath, but any nation that would not bow down before his God.
- D. David sought by revelation to know the heart and emotions of God. He committed himself to obey and walk in them. He lived to see the power of God in the land.
- E. *"You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek!" (Ps.27:8, ESV)*

### Conclusion:

- May we seek the face of God.
- The Monk who helped a man find God. "When you desire God as much as you want your next breath you will find him."