

**THE
HEART
OF
DAVID**

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INTRODUCTION

"The Heart"

After God's own heart is used to describe David. When David recognized problems with his relationship with God, he returned with a repentant spirit to receive forgiveness and rebuild the spiritual link between God and himself. David was not a perfect man in his actions or life, if he were, we could not use him as an attainable example. We should be after God's own heart or will for our lives.

I. After God's Heart

"God's own heart" which David was after, is the fellowship between God and His people.

1 Samuel 13:14 "... the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, ..."

Acts 13:22 "(God said) I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will."

II. Heart Defined

A. Organ

- vascular organ, cardiac organ, blood pump

B. Guts

- courage, bravery

C. Core -

- center, middle, root, essence

D. Shape

- valentine, playing card

E. Seat of passion

- emotions, breast, thoughts, soul, feelings, or spirit

III. Advice to Solomon

From father to son at the end of his life

1 Chronicles 28:9 “And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.”

A. Man’s Portion - To Know and Serve Him

- 1. With a perfect heart**
- 2. With a willing mind**

B. God’s Portion

- 1. Searches hearts**
- 2. Understands Imaginations**

IV. Heart in Bible

A. Old Testament

Leb, (labe), H3820,

Defined: the heart; also used in a figurative manner widely for the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise for the center of anything

The Hebrews used this word to describe the fullness or unity of the person, as summed in the heart, mind,

soul, feelings, emotions. Thus Leb is the total conscience self of man.

Translated: care for, comfortably, consent, considered, courage, courageous, friend, friendly, broken hearted, hard heart, merry heart, stiff heart, stouthearted, double hearted, heed, kindly, midst, mind, minded, regard, regarded, themselves, unawares, understanding, well, willingly, wisdom.

lebab (lay-bawb'), H3824

Defined: the heart (as the most interior organ), middle, understanding; used as a synonym for H3820

Translated: bethink themselves, breast, comfortably, courage, faint hearted, tender hearted, midst, mind, unawares, understanding.

B. New Testament

Kardia, (kar-dee'-ah), G2588

Defined: the heart, the thoughts or feelings (mind); the middle

The Greek word is used for the physical organ, the combination of will, mind, emotion, and feelings which make a whole person.

Translated: heart, hearted, brokenhearted

C. 100 Types of Hearts

1. Abundant heart - Matthew 12:34
2. Anguished heart - 2 Corinthians 2:4
3. Assured heart - 1 John 3:19
4. Believing heart - Romans 10:10
5. Bitter heart - James 3:14

6. Blind heart - Ephesians 4:18
7. Broken heart - Luke 4:18
8. Caring Heart - 2 Corinthians 8:16
9. Cheerful heart - Ecclesiastes 11:9
10. Clean heart - Psalms 51:10
11. Comforted heart - Ephesians 6:22
12. Condemned heart - 1 John 3:20
13. Contrite heart - Psalms 51:17
14. Cut heart - Acts 7:54
15. Deceitful heart - Proverbs 12:20, Jeremiah 17:9
16. Deceived heart - James 1:26
17. Discerning heart - Ecclesiastes 8:5
18. Deep heart - Psalms 64:6
19. Directed heart - 2 Thessalonians 3:5
20. Distant heart - Matthew 15:8
21. Double heart - Psalms 12:2
22. Enlarged heart - 2 Corinthians 6:11
23. Evil heart - Mark 7:21
24. Examined heart - 1 Samuel 16:7
25. Failing heart - Luke 21:26
26. Fearful heart - Isaiah 35:4
27. Fearless heart - Psalms 27:3
28. Firm heart - Job 41:24
29. Fleshly heart - Ezekiel 11:19, 2 Corinthians 3:3
30. Flowing heart - John 7:38
31. Foolish heart - Romans 1:21

32. Glad heart- Psalms 4:7
33. Grace-filled heart - Colossians 3:16
34. Gross heart - Matthew 13:15
35. Hard heart - Exodus 4:21, Matthew 19:8
36. Heavy heart - Proverbs 25:20
37. Hidden heart - 1 Peter 3:4
38. Imagining heart - Genesis 8:21
39. Imperfect heart - 1 Kings 15:3
40. Inhabited heart - Ephesians 3:17
41. Instructed heart - Psalms 16:7
42. Intentional heart - Hebrews 4:12
43. Joyful heart - Isaiah 65:14
44. Kept heart - Proverbs 4:23, Philippians 4:7
45. Knowing heart - Jeremiah 24:7
46. Large heart - 1 King 4:29
47. Lifted heart - 2 Chronicles 17:6
48. Lighted Heart - 2 Corinthians 4:6
49. Lowly heart - Matthew 11:29
50. Meditating heart - Psalms 22:14
51. Meek heart - Matthew 11:29
52. Melodious heart - Ephesians 5:19
53. Merry heart - Judges 16:25, Proverbs 17:22
54. Musing heart - Luke 3:15
55. New heart - Ezekiel 18:31
56. Obedient heart - Romans 6:17
57. Panting heart - Psalms 38:10

58. Perfect heart - 1 Chronicles 28:9
59. Pondering heart - Luke 2:19
60. Pricked heart - Acts 2:37
61. Proud heart - Proverbs 16:5, Revelation 18:7
62. Proven heart - Psalms 17:3
63. Pure heart - Matthew 5:8, 2 Timothy 2:22
64. Quiet heart - Luke 2:51
65. Reasoning heart - Luke 5:22
66. Receiving heart - 2 Peter 1:19
67. Rejoicing heart - John 16:22
68. Remembering heart - Psalms 119:11
69. Rent(torn) heart - Joel 2:13
70. Replacement heart - 1 Samuel 10:9
71. Ruled heart - Colossians 3:15
72. Sanctified heart - 1 Peter 3:15
73. Searched heart - Jeremiah 17:10, Romans 8:27
74. Searching heart - Judges 5:16
75. Secretive heart - Psalms 44:21
76. Seeded heart - Mark 4:15
77. Settled heart - Luke 21:14
78. Singing heart - Job 29:13
79. Single-minded heart - Colossians 3:22
80. Soft heart - Job 23:16
81. Sorrowful heart - Romans 9:2
82. Sound heart - Psalms 199:80
83. Spirit-filled heart - 2 Corinthians 1:22

84. Strife-full heart - James 3:14
85. Stony heart - Ezekiel 11:19
86. Thinking heart - Proverbs 23:17
87. Treasured heart - Matthew 6:21
88. Tried heart - Jeremiah 11:20
89. True heart - Hebrews 10:22
90. Truthful heart - Psalms 15:2
91. Turned heart - Malachi 4:6
92. Unbelieving heart - Luke 24:25
93. Uncircumcised heart - Ezekiel 44:7
94. Uncondemned heart 1 John 3:21
95. Understanding heart - 1 Kings 3:9
96. Untroubled heart - John 14:1
97. Veiled heart - 2 Corinthians 3:15
98. Whole heart - Psalms 9:1, 111:1, Mark 12:30
99. Willing heart - Ephesians 6:6
100. Wishing heart - Psalms 73:7

V. God's Work on the Heart (Spirit) of Man

A. Creates Our Hearts

The breath (Spirit) of God - Genesis 2:7

B. Examines Our Hearts

the inside of man, his motivations - Matthew 12:34

C. Touches Our Heart

by the love and faith of Jesus - Ephesians 3:17

D. Changes Our Hearts

salvation - Romans 10:10

David was a man who sought after God's own heart. The desire of God's heart was expressed in action when He sent Jesus to be the "doorway" for us to return into full, powerful, eternal fellowship with God.

A HEART OF HUMILITY

"Accept the Calling"

David accepted the anointing and the calling to be the next king of Israel. His heart was humble, knowing that divine favor called him to this position. He was not called according to his ability or knowledge. As a young man, he had a heart of humility toward God and man.

Humility is not thinking more highly of yourself than you ought, but relying only on God to place us and promote us in His plan.

I. Anointed by God

A. By God's prophet

1 Samuel 16:7 "But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart."

B. Before his family

1 Samuel 16:13 "Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah."

C. With the Holy Spirit

- always present

II. Great Reputation

A. By the common people

- The servants admired and talked of David

1 Samuel 16:18 “Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him.”

B. By the Prince of Israel

- Jonathan loved David

1 Samuel 18:3 “Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.”

III. Humble in His Place

A. Son to Jesse

- continued to obey and honor his father

1 Samuel 16:20 “And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul.”

B. Shepherd Boy

- worked in the lowest position in the family

1 Samuel 16:11 “And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.”

C. Musician

- used and developed the talents given him

1 Samuel 16:23 “And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.”

D. Armorbearer

- servant to the God ordained ruler

1 Samuel 16:21 “And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.”

E. Faithful in Current Things

- patience in the promises of God

Matthew 25:21 “His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”

Galatians 6:9 “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

A heart of humility to God proves to be the proper attitude for success in the due season of the Master’s plan. The journey to our desired reward is made of many small faithful steps in humility.

A HEART OF COURAGE

"Remember His Faithfulness"

David remembered the faithfulness of God when he and Israel faced the danger of the Philistine army. He remembered the faithful covenant God made with His people. David experienced the protection and strength of the Lord when he was active in doing that to which he was assigned.

I. Obedient to Father

after the anointing by Samuel, David continued to fill his place in the family

1 Samuel 17:14-17

1 Samuel 17:20 "And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him ..."

II. Make a Stand for God

1 Samuel 17:26 "And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, ... for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

A. Ignore Criticism

1. from his older brother and others

- 1 Samuel 17:28

2. from King Saul

- 1 Samuel 17:32-33

B. Refuse Worldly Strength

1. Saul's armor

- 1 Samuel 17:39

2. Same weapons as Goliath

- man made battle weapons (sword, shield, and spear)

C. Rely on the Proven Power

1. Shepard's sling

- 1 Samuel 17:40

2. Deliverance by God from the bear and the lion

- 1 Samuel 17:37

D. Remember Your Covenant

David was confident in the covenant between God and Israel, the Philistines were uncircumcised, thus not under the covenant.

1 Samuel 17:45-47 "Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied."

"This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel."

"And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands."

III. Fight on to the Total Victory

A. Temporary Victory

Goliath was knocked to the ground and silenced - 1 Samuel 17:49

B. Strong Man Defeated

David cut off Goliath's head with his own sword - 1 Samuel 17:51

C. Enemies Routed

Philistines chased and looted by the army of Israel - 1 Samuel 17:52-53

Our hearts of courage must be based on faith in the promises and power of the Lord. Courage and confidence in the arm of flesh is foolishness and pride. There is no "giant" in our lives bigger than the faith of our hearts in the Spirit of God.

A HEART OF LOYALTY

"Respect God's Servants"

David respected the Lord and His anointed servants. He did not strike back at King Saul but defended him before others. He avoided assuming the role of God's avenger. David displayed and encouraged loyalty to those the Lord placed in those positions over him. His patience in the ways and timings of God showed his heart of loyalty.

I. Accept Anointed Authority

King Saul was the current anointed king of Israel. David accepted him as his king put in place by God through Samuel

A. His Enemy, the King

1. Attempted Murder by the Javelin

1 Samuel 18:11 "And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice."

David did not retaliate, only with passive resistance and avoidance.

1 Sam 18:14 "And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him."

2. Murder by the Philistines

David is set up to be killed by the Philistines

(a) For Merab - 1 Samuel 18:17

(b) For Michal - 1 Samuel 18:25-27

B. The Lines are Drawn

1. David's Enemy

Saul became afraid of David because the Lord was with him.

1 Samuel 18:28-29 "And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal, Saul's daughter loved him."

"And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually."

2. David's Protector

David placed his confidence in the Lord

Psalms 59:1, 2, 9, 10 "Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me."

"Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men."

"Because of his strength will I wait upon thee: for God is my defense."

"The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see my desire upon mine enemies."

II. God is a Just Accountant

God keeps record of the heart of men including the king. He established and He brings down.

A. Saul's Harvest

Reaping from the disobedience sown

1 Samuel 15:26 "And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel."

B. David's Opportunity

Able to kill King Saul in the cave

1 Samuel 24:4 "And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily."

C. David's Reprimand

All loyal soldiers should protect their King, anointed by their God

1 Samuel 26:11 "The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD'S anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go."

1 Samuel 26:15 "And David said to Abner, Art not thou a valiant man? and who is like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord."

III. Man is not God's Avenger

God does not need help to deal with evil or disobedient men.

A. God is the Avenger

Deuteronomy 32:41 & 42 "If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me."

"Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people."

B. Man is Not the Judge

Man needs mercy not judgment

Matthew 7:1 & 2 "Judge not, that ye be not judged."

"For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again."

The heart of loyalty shown by David to God and His anointed servant, Saul, is critical to David's leading the people of Israel. He had to develop and demonstrate a full reliance in the Lord's justice. To receive loyalty from his followers, a leader must first be loyal to those above him.

A PASSIONATE HEART

"Keep Your Cool"

A passionate heart is driven by emotion to action that is totally supported with the whole being. The passionate actions can be proper or improper. David showed his heart of passion when he responded to the rebuke of Nabel. David's intentions were checked when his passionate heart was touched by Abigail's wise counsel.

I. Expecting a Return

A. Gave Protection to Nabel

David's men did not raid Nabel's flocks, but protected their country men from the bands of heathen thieves.

1 Samuel 25:15-16 "But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:"

"They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep."

1 Samuel 25:7 "And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel."

B. Asked for Compensation

At the shearing time, harvest time, David asked for some favor from Nabel. He wondered if this was the provision

from the Lord of food for his men. - 1 Samuel 25:6-8

C. Refused

Nabel refused David's request out of his selfishness. (Notice the "my's" in his answer.)

1 Samuel 25:10-11 "And Nabel answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master."

"Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men, whom I know not whence they be?"

Nabel must have known David by his reputation, calling him son of Jesse. Nabel was also from the same tribe of Israel as Jesse and Caleb.

II. The Reaction

A. Slap in the Face

David was surprised that a prosperous farmer would not share. David was not prepared for this answer from those who he counted as brothers.

B. Prepared for War

David reacted in passion, his heart ready for the blood of revenge to kill all. - 1 Samuel 25 21-22

1 Samuel 25:13 "And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword ..."

1. Past performance of patience is no prediction

- (a) David was patient and meek with King Saul who tried to kill him outright, but a simple refusal from a farmer brings battle cries.
- (b) Peter's change of heart - bold in the garden before soldiers, fearful in the courtyard before a handmaiden

2. Strengthen by grace

The strong man is strong only as long as he is strengthened by the grace of the Spirit, weakness results from leaning on the arm of flesh

III. The Rebuke

A. Intercepted

1. Abigail of Wisdom and Understanding

1 Samuel 25:3

She acted for the benefit of her household, David, and Israel - 1 Samuel 25:24-31

- (a) Brings a peace offering
- (b) Assumed responsibility
- (c) Acknowledged David's anointing
- (d) Reminded David of his position and future
- (e) Fights the battles of the Lord
- (f) Declares the protection and promises of the Lord

B. Listened to Reason

David's heart was touched by the truth received from Abigail
- 1 Samuel 25:32-35:

- (a) Blessed the servant of God
- (b) Praised God for His correction

IV. The Response

A. Chose to be Patience

David heart of passion was moved from an act of revenge to thanksgiving for the love of God

B. Outcomes for

1. Nabel

- death from foolishness

2. David

- saved from anger

3. Abigail

- promoted from humility, married David in faith, abandoned the temporary riches to embrace the lasting love and truth

It is good that our passionate hearts brings us quickly to action. To insure our actions are always proper we must be controlled by continually receiving the guidance of the Spirit. We can be victorious over evil only as long as we are walking in faith and receiving the grace of God.

A HEART OF CONFESSION

"Be Encouraged in the Lord"

When the heart of confession encounters trouble, the sins are confessed and the heart is turned toward God. The words of faith and promise encourage and strengthen the heart of confession.

I. Precursors to Disasters

A. Sleeping with the Enemy

David ran from King Saul to the Philistines

1 Samuel 27:1 "And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand."

1 Samuel 27:7 "And the time that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines ..."

David looked for safety in the enemy land

1 Samuel 27:6 "Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day."

B. Carelessness with Pride

David raided the Amalekites. Later, leaving Ziklag undefended, he went to fight for the Philistines.

1 Samuel 27:8 "And David and his men went up, and

invaded the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and the Amalekites: for those nations were of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt."

1 Samuel 29:2 "And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the rereward with Achish."

II. Disasters Come

A. Open for Revenge

The Amalekites attacked the unguarded city of Ziklag.

1 Samuel 30:1 "... the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire;"

1 Samuel 30:3-4 "So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives."

"Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep."

B. Terrible Timing

Sent home by King Achish and the end of a three day march

1 Samuel 30:1 "And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day,..."

C. Mutiny in the Ranks

His men turned to kill David.

1 Samuel 30:6 "And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God."

III. Be Encouraged in the Lord

A. Renewed Fellowship

David confessed his pride, unfaithfulness, and carelessness before the Lord

1 Samuel 30:6 "... but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God."

B. Practiced Praise

The psalms and songs of the shepherd boy returned to praise the Lord

C. Remembered Faithfulness

The faithfulness of the Lord in battle with the lion and the bear, Goliath, and Saul's army was remembered

IV. Seek His Guidance

A. Asked for help

1 Samuel 30:8 "And David inquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? ... And He answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all."

B. Waited for the Answer

asking and hearing from the Lord, full communication,

fellowship

V. Follow His Directions

A. Response Quickly

1 Samuel 30:9 "So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, ..."

B. Pursue with Perseverance

Moved in the strength of the Lord, 3 day return march, pursuit, and a day and a half battle

1 Samuel 30:10 "But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go ..."

1 Samuel 30:17 "And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled."

C. Receive the Harvest

All that was lost is recovered

1 Samuel 30:18-19 "And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives."

"And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all."

The heart that is quick to confess before the Lord is victorious in the battles. Confession

renews the lost, forgotten fellowship and communication with the Father. His guidance is quickly received and acted upon by the heart of confession.

A SEEKING HEART

"Always Seek His Wisdom"

The seeking heart is always looking to the Lord for guidance, wisdom, and the way of escape. The counterattack of the enemy should always be expected immediately following a victories in life. The seeking heart is always ready to find and receive the word of the Lord.

I. After Success, Comes the Counterattack

A. Abraham

after the altar, comes fighting between the herdsman
- Genesis 13:4-7

B. Joseph

After his dream, comes his brothers to beat and sell him
- Genesis 37

C. David

Crowned king of Israel, Philistines attack

II. Knowledge and Skill versus Wisdom

After David is crowned king, comes the Philistines attacking

2 Samuel 5:17 "But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold."

A. Great General

David had won many battles with his mighty men of valor

B. Known Enemy

Philistines were an old enemy and known well by David

C. Questioned the Lord for Wisdom

2 Samuel 5:19 "And David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand."

1. Duty (Conscience)

as King of Israel

2. Success (Prudence)

a victorious outcome

D. Answers

Psalms 46:1 "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

James 1:5 "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

E. Victory

2 Samuel 5:20 "And David came to Baalperazim, and David smote them there, and said, The LORD hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baalperazim."

III. Experience and Situation versus Wisdom

A. Fresh question

The enemy flees, but usually returns - James 4:7
Exactly the same situation and enemy, but David asked again of the Lord

2 Samuel 5:22-23 "And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim."

"And when David inquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees."

B. Fresh answer

David heart continued to seek the Lord's wisdom.

Signal to action is the rushing mighty wind - Acts 2:2

2 Samuel 5:24 "And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines."

C. Continued victory

The warfare continues and the wisdom must be continually sought to insure continued victory

2 Samuel 5:25 "And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gazer."

Total victory is a result of total reliance on the Holy Spirit's direction in every instance and challenge in the believer's life. Our heart must always be seeking to join with the heart of God.

A HEART OF WORSHIP

Worship and Serve under His Direction

The heart of worship is drawn to the adoration and praise of God. The spirit of man is actively fellowshiping with his Lord, but there maybe no outward activities visible. The heart of worship desires to give the Lord His proper place in his life and the surrounding society. David began with individual communion with the Lord in the sheep pastures. The Lord rewards the worshipping heart with His protection and anointing.

I. Desire to Worship

A. Physical Actions

After David reclaimed Jerusalem, he wanted to return the Ark of the Covenant to the central place among the Israelites.

2 Samuel 6:2 "And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him from Baal of Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts that dwelleth between the cherubims."

B. Destruction without Direction

Moving the ark man's way not God's way - Number 4:5-12,
Numbers 7:9
a new ox cart rather than covered on poles between priests

My ways are higher than your ways - Isaiah 55:9

2 Samuel 6:6-7 "And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it."

"And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God."

II. Obedience to Direction

A. Carried By Priests With Sacrificing

2 Samuel 6:12-13 "... So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obedom into the city of David with gladness."

"And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings."

B. The King of Glory

The Lord should reign as King in the hearts, homes, and cities of His people.

Psalms 24:7 "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in."

III. True Worship

A. Worship in Spirit and Truth

God is a Spirit - John 4:24

2 Samuel 6:14-15 "And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod."

"So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet."

B. Worship in Prayer and Praise

1. God's Man Leading God's People

David worshiped with his whole heart and included the people of God.

1 Chronicles 16:2 "And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offerings and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD."

2. Praise and Worship

Genuine praise and worship come from the heart of worship. Thanksgiving follows when worshipers praise their God.

1 Chronicles 16:8-12 "Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people."

"Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works."

"Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD."

"Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually."

"Remember his marvelous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;"

IV. Build a House for the Ark

A. The King's House and God's House

David gives honor to the Lord

2 Samuel 7:2 "That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains."

1 Chronicles 17:1 "Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD remaineth under curtains."

B. David is Not the Builder

David was a warrior who could not build the House of Peace.

1 Chronicles 17:4 "Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in:"

C. David's Son to Build the Temple

David could prepare for the building of the Temple, but he would never see it before his death.

1 Chronicles 17:11 "And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom."

1 Chronicles 17:12 "He shall build me an house, and I will establish his throne for ever."

The heart of worship overflows with praise and thanksgiving to the Lord God. Strong desires flow from the heart to give and to make great accomplishments in the name of the Lord. However, the heart of worship is submitted to the will and the ways of the Lord.

A REPENTANT HEART

"Out of Place and Out of Timing"

There is a time and a place for all things. When we are out of the place and timing of God, the temptation to sin is strongly presented to us. The time for repentant heart is immediately following any sin against God. The longer the evil is left within the heart the more the infection and damage spreads.

I. God's Timing

A. Tarried at Jerusalem

David should have been out leading the army of God in warfare against the enemies. - 2 Samuel 11:1

B. Away from the battle

David was not in the position of King as he was called and anointed.

II. Sense of Possession

A. Saw the Woman

and continued to look upon her

2 Samuel 11:2 "... walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon."

B. Sent for the Woman

called for another's wife

2 Samuel 11:3 "And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

C. Sinned with the Woman

lust matured to sin -

2 Samuel 11:4 "And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; ..."

III. Sin upon Sin

A. Sin Will be Known

with child - 2 Samuel 11:5

B. Brought Uriah home

2 Samuel 11:8-9 - natural desire not overcome with loyalty to his king

C. Filled Uriah with Drink

Uriah's character is stronger than wine - 2 Samuel 11:13

D. Planned Uriah's murder

2 Samuel 11:14-15.

David did not start the sin cover up with murder in his mind -

James 1:14-15 Lust -> Sin -> Death

IV. Sin into the Light

A. Season of Sin

about a year's time since the sin without repentance

B. Word of God from Nathan

1. God moved toward David

2 Samuel 12:1 “And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.”

2. Parables are used for those away from God

C. Righteous Anger and Repentance

1. Looking at our sin from outside our deceived heart

2 Samuel 12:5 “And David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die:”

2. All sin is against the Lord

2 Samuel 12:13 “And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. ...”

Psalms 51:4 “Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.”

Matthew Henry, “Though God may suffer his people to fall into sin, he will not suffer then His people to lie still in it.”

V. Consequences of Sin

A. Violence in His house

fornication and murder among David’s children

B. Unfaithful Wives

C. Death of Child

David and Bathsheba's first child - 2 Samuel 12:

VI. Sin in the Life of A Christian

A. Steps into Sin

- 1. Small beginnings of sin**
- 2. Concealment opens door to Satan**
- 3. No security in years or reputation**
- 4. Human heart is fickle (changeable)**
- 5. Pride is very strong motivator**

B. Hidden from Man

- but his heart is open to God

C. Harvest of Sin

By Judgment and Measure - Matthew 7:2

- 1. Jacob - deceiver deceived**
- 2. Sodom - burning lust burned with fire**

D. Canceled by God

His grace is the only full, true remedy

The repentant heart is always ready to put things right with God on a short account. A repentant heart desires to confess not conceal the sin. There is no sin that will not be revealed. The repentant heart is always ready to reduce the damage of the sin against the heart of God.

A COVENANT HEART

"Friendship Well Founded"

David and Jonathan built a friendship that was thicker than blood. They preferred one another. They had a covenant heart for each other. Their hearts were joined together with the many of the same desires and motivations. Their positions and experiences were used to strengthen each other. Their love is an excellent example of brotherly love as we Christians should love.

I. Covenant Characteristics

A. Love

1 Samuel 18:1, 3 "And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul."

"Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul."

B. Permanent

1. As with Noah

Genesis 9:9 "And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you;"

2. As with Abraham

Genesis 17:7 "And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God

unto thee, and to thy seed after thee."

C. Exchange of Goods

1. From God to Man

Genesis 15:18 "In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates:"

2. From Man to God

Genesis 17:10-14 "This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised."

"And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant."

3. David and Jonathan

1 Samuel 18:4 "And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle."

II. David and Jonathan

A. Differences

1. Families

- (a) Jonathan - the king's court and palace
- (b) David - family of sheep farmers

2. Siblings

- (a) Jonathan - brother to several sisters

(b) David - the youngest among many brothers

B. Similarities

1. Trust in the Lord

(a) David trusted in the Lord for protection from King Saul.

(b) Jonathan trusted that the Lord would care for Israel with the King He anointed.

2. Humility before the Lord and Men

(a) David kept the attitude of a servant awaiting the throne.

(b) Jonathan keep the attitude of a servant although heir to the throne.

3. Duty Bound

(a) David was ready to do his duty to fight the enemies of God and Israel.

(b) Jonathan defended the innocent David from his jealous father.

4. Loyalty

(a) David maintained his loyalty to King Saul while he was still king.

(b) Jonathan served and loved his father and king as long as God kept him on the throne.

The heart of covenant binds individuals together with a bond stronger than any differences and similarities. The covenant is the basis for blessing and love for eternity.

A HEART OF KINDNESS

"A Covenant Keeper"

The heart of kindness has its root in the established covenant. The covenant between David and Jonathan extended after the death of Jonathan with kindness and favor for his family.

I. Bound to a Covenant

Covenants are eternal and are as powerful as the ones who are joined together.

1 Samuel 18:3 "Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul."

II. Seeking First

A. God Seeking Man

first to action

1. Moses

at Midian - Exodus 3:2

2. Jacob

at Bethel - Genesis 35:7-9

3. Saul

on the road to Damascus - Acts 9:3

B. David Seeking Jonathan's House

based on the covenant, not earned

2 Samuel 9:1 "And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

III. Into the Family for Blessings

David's attitude toward Mephibosheth

2 Samuel 9:7 "And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely show thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually."

A. Called into the Family

Mephiboseth is made a prince in the house of the king

B. Fear Not

the king desires to bless not to punish

C. Grace

received unmerited favor - Ephesians 2:8-9

D. Provisions of

- 1. Life improved**
- 2. Peace from enemies**
- 3. Inheritance of king**
- 4. Position in kingdom**
- 5. Defects covered over**

crippled legs hidden at the kings table - 1 John 1:9

IV. Parallel to Lost Soul

Mephibosheth and a lost man away from God

2 Samuel 4:4 "And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth."

A. Shameful Thing

Mephibosheth = man of shame

B. Fugitive

lost his first place in the kingdom

C. Cripple

wounded for life in the accident

D. Experienced a Fall

fell from safety

E. Old Home of Lodebar

barren land, pasture less place

The heart of kindness is moved by the promises made by covenant. The blessings of the covenant are available to the families of the covenant makers. God desires us to take part in the blessings that are ours due to the covenant with Jesus and all believers.

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