

DAVID

*A Man After God's
Own Heart*

*“The LORD has sought for Himself
a man after His own heart.”*

1 Samuel 13:14



9 So Saul said, “Bring a burnt offering and peace offerings here to me.” And he offered the burnt offering. 10 Now it happened, as soon as he had finished presenting the burnt offering, that Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might greet him. 11 And Samuel said, “What have you done?” Saul said, “When I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered together at Michmash, 12 then I said, ‘The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not made supplication to the Lord.’ Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt offering.” 13 And Samuel said to Saul, “You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you. For now the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. 14 But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.”

1 Samuel 13

When we hear the name David, what comes to mind?

Shepherd

Warrior

King

Worshipper

Sinner

Repenter

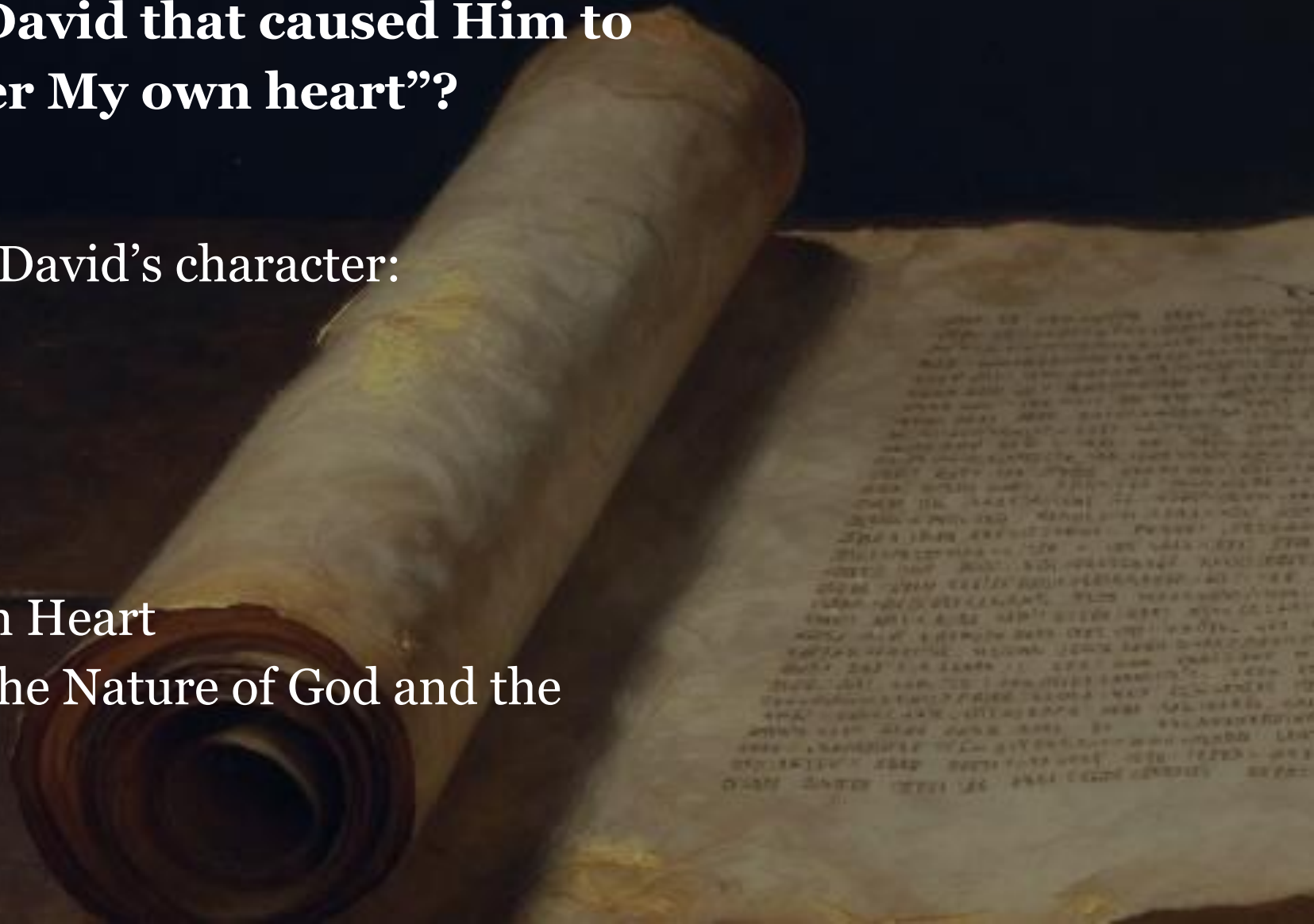
- The Bible does not present David as a flawless superhero. It presents him as a real man, gifted and weak, courageous and vulnerable, deeply spiritual yet capable of devastating sin.
- David was not perfect. He lied. He became angry. He made poor decisions. He committed adultery. He arranged the death of Uriah. He failed badly in aspects of fatherhood.
- Yet God said: “I have found David ... a man after My own heart.”

The central question

What did God see in David that caused Him to call David “a man after My own heart”?

Some Key Dimensions of David's character:

- Service
- Brokenness
- Jurisdiction
- Gratitude & Worship
- A Man After God's Own Heart
- His Understanding of the Nature of God and the Nature of Man



SERVICE

- David Served his father, Saul, Israel, and God's purpose
- Treated his position as stewardship, not possession.
- He once ran toward Goliath; later, he stayed home and temptation found him.
- Purpose protects character.
- A man consumed with the right assignment has less room to be consumed by the wrong appetite.
- Serve before leading. Serve while leading.

“There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep.” **1 Samuel 16:11**

“David knew that the LORD had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.”

2 Samuel 5:12

“At the time when kings go out to battle ... David remained at Jerusalem.”

2 Samuel 11:1

“For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption;

Acts 13:36

Brokenness

- Brokenness is the ability to agree with God about yourself.
- Nathan confronted him, and David accepted responsibility. He did not defend himself; he asked God for a clean heart.
- David was not a weak man. He fought lions, bears, giants and armies. But David could still kneel.
- A heart that cannot be corrected is already moving away from God.

1 “Have mercy upon me, O God,
according to Your lovingkindness ... **10**
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and
renew a steadfast spirit within me.” **17**

“The sacrifices of God are a broken
spirit, a broken and contrite heart.”

Psalm 51

5 So David’s anger was greatly aroused
against the man, and he said to Nathan,
“As the Lord lives, the man who has done
this shall surely die! **7** Then Nathan said
to David “You are the man!”...**13** “I have
sinned against the LORD.” **16** David
therefore pleaded with God for the child,
and David fasted and went in and lay all
night on the ground.

JURISDICTION

- Ability is not authority
- Access is not permission
- Favor does not cancel boundaries
- Promise is not permission
- Being anointed does not mean being authorized to do everything
- When David violated boundaries, destruction followed.
- Not every door you can open is a door you should enter

10 David said furthermore, “As the Lord lives, the Lord shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish. **11** The Lord forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the Lord’s anointed. But please, take now the spear and the jug of water that are by his head, and let us go.”

1 Samuel 26

1 It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. **2** Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king’s house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold. **3** So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, “Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?” **4** Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house.

2 Samuel 11



Gratitude & Worship

10 Therefore David blessed the Lord before all the assembly; and David said: “Blessed are You, Lord God of Israel, our Father, forever and ever. **11** Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, The power and the glory, The victory and the majesty; For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, And You are exalted as head over all. **12** Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all. **13** “Now therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name. **14** But who am I, and who are my people, That we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, And of Your own we have given You.

1 Chronicles 29

Gratitude & Worship

- David danced before the Ark, and refused to forget the One who raised him.
- Gratitude remembers correctly. Pride edits the story until you become the hero.
- His dignity as king became secondary to his gratitude as worshipper.
- Michal despised him, but David would not allow public opinion to govern his worship.
- Worship is declaring the worth of God above the opinion of people.
- The greatest threat to gratitude is familiarity.

36 Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them... 37 Moreover David said, “The Lord, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” And Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you!”

1 Samuel 17

14 Then David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod.

2 Samuel 6

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies

Psalms 103

A Man After God's Own Heart

- A heart oriented toward God's will, surrendered to God's presence, devoted to God's purpose, and sensitive to God's honor.
- A repeated phrase in David's life is: **"David inquired of the LORD."** Experience never became an excuse for independence.
- Yesterday's victory does not replace today's dependence.
- A heart after God is a heart that wants God's will more than its own will, and when it wanders, it can still return.

1 Samuel 13:14

"The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart."

Acts 13:22

'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'

Psalms 27:4

"One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life."

Psalms 63:1

"O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You."

The Nature of God

Sovereign

1 Samuel 26:10 — *“The LORD shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish.”*

Faithful

Psalms 18:2 — *“The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.”*

Merciful

Psalms 51:1 — *“Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness.”*

Holy

Psalms 51:4 — *“Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight.”*

Just

Psalms 51:4 — *“That You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.”*

**Looks at the
Heart**

1 Samuel 16:7 — *“Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”*

The Nature of Man

What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? **Psalm 8:4**

For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. **Psalm 103:14**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. **Psalm 23:1**

- David learned that man is frail, limited and dependent.
- Calling God "**Shepherd**" is simultaneously a confession: I am sheep. I need guidance, provision, correction, protection and direction.
- David also learned that the greatest enemy is not always outside you. When he was young, his enemies were obvious: lion, bear, Goliath, Saul, Philistines, Amalekites. Later David discovered a more dangerous enemy: **himself**.
- Sometimes the giant in front of you is less dangerous than the **appetite** within you.
- David defeated Goliath in public, but on the rooftop he nearly destroyed himself in private.
- Spiritual maturity requires more than victory over external enemies; it requires knowledge of your **weakness** and continued **dependence** on grace.



Christ: The Greater Son of David

12 “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. **13**..... I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. **16** And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you.[b] Your throne shall be established forever.”

2 Samuel 7

6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **7** Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of **David** and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9

Christ: The Greater Son of David

31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus.

32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

Luke 1

- David was a shepherd. Jesus is the Good Shepherd.
- David was king. Jesus is the King of kings.
- David defeated Israel’s enemy. Jesus defeated sin, death and Satan.
- David committed sin and needed forgiveness. Jesus committed no sin and became the sacrifice through whom we receive forgiveness.
- David shed the blood of others. Jesus shed His own blood.
- David’s kingdom eventually declined. Jesus has an everlasting kingdom.
- David was called a man after God’s heart. Jesus perfectly revealed the Father’s heart.

So the ultimate goal is not: “How can I become exactly like David?” The goal is: “What can David teach me about becoming more yielded to God, and how does his life ultimately point me to Christ?”

36 “For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep”...

Acts 13

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Psalms 51

Let's pray...