

A Heart after God

SCRIPTURE:

1Samuel 16:1-13.



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The man God chose.

- **1 Samuel 16:7b,
“For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”**



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Acts 13:22 says, “And when He had removed him, He raised up for them 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.’”



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Why did God choose David?

- “....David, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.” Acts 13:22.



What did God see in David?

Four things:

I. His faith in God

II. His love for God.

III. His obedience to God.

IV. His brokenness before God.



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I. David's faith.

• 1Sam.17:37; 45-47.



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Why is faith so important?

Heb.11:6

**Heb.4:1-2. In the wilderness, “but you did not believe.” Or, “you believed not.”
Deut.1:32, Ps.78, and Ps.106.**

In John’s gospel, 83-86 times “believe.”



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- **Failing faith:**
- **David – afraid of Saul**
- **Abraham – lying about his wife**
- **Don't look for perfection, look for direction.**



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II. David's love

Ps.18:1, “I will love You, O LORD, my strength.”

Psalm 16:8, “I have set the LORD always before me.”

He worshiped and praised God, Ps.9:1-2; 34:1.



“Love” in the Psalms:

NIV 157x, Wycliffe 156 x, KJV 43x,
NKJ 48 x.

Mercy translated as “Unfailing love
and loving-kindness.”

God’s love 128x.

David’s love 13x

Others 16x

God’s love for us is more important
than our love for Him. Don’t look at
your love, focus on His.

Corrie Ten Boom:

“If you look at the world, you’ll be distressed.

If you look within, you’ll be depressed.

But if you look at Christ, you’ll be at rest.”



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Why is love so important?

- **1Cor.13!**
- **James, “Faith without works (love) is dead.”**
- **“You have lost your first love.” Rev.2.**
- **What will cause our love to grow? Gal. 2:20.**



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III. David's obedience

**1Kings 15:4-5. 2Sam.5:25.
1Chron.14:16;**

King Saul, 1Sam.15:22-23



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Why is obedience so important?

1. It shows our love for God. John 14:15, “If you love Me, keep My commandments.”
2. It brings us blessing, Deut.11:27-28.



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IV. David's brokenness

2Sam.24:10, Ps.51:14-17.



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The Lord Jesus:

1. Faith in His Father's mission for Him.
2. Loved the Father.
3. Perfect obedience.
4. Brokenness.



What does God see in us?

Let's examine our hearts

I. Faith.

II. Love.

III. Obedience.

IV. Brokenness.

The characteristics of a true disciple.

