

heart of a king

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1 Samuel 16:1-13 | The Journey of the Heart into the Life of King David
God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person,
But the Lord looks at the heart. **1 Samuel 16:7 ICB**
Three stops on the journey to the heart of the King.

First Stop | The Sincere Heart

From the bottom of my heart, with all my heart, a heartfelt apology, in my heart of hearts, cross my heart, heart of gold.

Saul, the persecutor of Christians

Falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" "Who are You, Lord?" he said. "I am Jesus, the One you are persecuting," He replied. ⁶"But get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." **Acts 9:4-6 HCSB**

There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. **Proverbs 14:12 HCSB**

Next Stop | The Heart That Calls Evil Good

Isaiah 5:20 HCSB Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness, who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.

Jeremiah 17:9 HCSB "The heart is more deceitful than anything else, and incurable, who can understand it?"

Matthew 23:27 HCSB "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead men's bones and every impurity."

Saul, the first King of Israel

1 Samuel 15:19&20...22&23 HCSB So why didn't you obey the LORD? Why did you rush on the plunder and do what was evil in the LORD's sight?" "But I did obey the LORD!" Saul answered. "I went on the mission the LORD gave me... Then Samuel said: Does the LORD take pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD? Look: to obey is better than sacrifice, to pay attention is better than the fat of rams. For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and defiance is like wickedness and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has rejected you as king.

Final Destination | The New Heart

I will also sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will place My Spirit within you and cause you to follow My statutes and carefully observe My ordinances. **Ezekiel 36:25-27 HCSB**

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart, my portion forever. **Psalms 73:26 HCSB**

God, create a clean heart for me and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not banish me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore the joy of Your salvation to me, and give me a willing spirit. **Psalms 51:10-12 HCSB**

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation. **Romans 10:9&10 HCSB**

Therefore, submit to God. But resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, double-minded people! **James 4:7-8 HCSB**

See the heart of King David for the next three sermons in this series by reading a Psalm that David wrote for the occasion.

The Anointing of the Shepherd 1 Samuel 16:1–13

Corresponding Psalm: Psalm 23

While traditionally associated with David's later years, looking back, Psalm 23 captures the foundational identity David formed in the pastures of Bethlehem. Before he was a king, he was a subject of the Divine Shepherd.

The Valley of Elah | David & Goliath 1 Samuel 17

Corresponding Psalm: Psalm 144 or Psalm 8

- **Psalm 144:** It begins with, "Praise be to the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle." It reflects the warrior-poet who credits his physical victory to spiritual strength.
- **Psalm 8:** When David looks at the "work of God's fingers," it mirrors the perspective of a boy who trusts the Creator of the stars more than the stature of a giant.
- Triumphant yet humble. It shifts the focus from David's slingshot to God's sovereignty.

The Flight from Saul 1 Samuel 18–19 (Specifically 19:11)

Corresponding Psalm: Psalm 59

The superscription of Psalm 59 explicitly states it was written: "when Saul sent men to watch David's house in order to kill him." While the narrative in 1 Samuel 19 focuses on Michal helping David out the window, the Psalm reveals David's internal state. He describes his pursuers as "snarling dogs" who prowl the city.

The Weight of Conviction David & Bathsheba 2 Samuel 11–12

Corresponding Psalm: Psalm 51

The heading of Psalm 51 reads: "A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba."

