

“A Man after God’s Own Heart”

1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22

I. Introduction:

- A. There are many people in the Bible that serve as good examples for Christians today
- B. One such individual is David. There are few men or women in the Bible that are given compliments by God, more less multiple compliments by God.
- C. Of all the kings of Israel, fully compare to David. And of all the men in the Bible, only David is called by God himself, “ A man after mine own heart.”
- D. When God gives such a compliment, we as His children should pay close attention, and see what made David such a man.

II. What Made David a Man After God’s Own Heart

- A. David always sought the will of God
 - 1. David inquired as to whether to save the city of Keilah or flee (1 Sam. 23)
 - 2. David sought God’s guidance when the women and children of Ziklag were captured (1 Sam. 30)
 - 3. David inquired of God before attempting to take the kingdom after Saul’s death (2 Sam. 2)
 - 4. David sought God’s instructions in dealing with enemies (2 Sam. 5) and with national problems such as famine (2 Sam. 21)
 - 5. Christians should be like David, and seek God’s counsel (Js. 1:5; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)
- B. David trusted in God
 - 1. David trusted in God when he fought Goliath (1 Sam. 17:37)
 - 2. David trusted God while he was running for his life from Saul. David trusted God’s instruction while he was king. David trusted God’s promise to establish his throne. David trusted in God’s protection when his own son rebelled and tried to steal the kingdom.
 - 3. Many Psalms are written by David, and exclaim his trust in God (Ps. 23)
 - 4. People today often place their trust in things of this world, but God is the only one in whom we should fully trust (Ps. 125:1; Pro. 3:5; Mt. 6:30-33)
- C. David Loved to Worship God
 - 1. All though he was not allowed to, David wanted to build a temple for God. (2 Sam. 7)
 - 2. When David brought the ark to Jerusalem, we can see the joy with which he worships God (2 Sam. 6:12-19)
 - 3. It made David glad to worship God (Ps. 122:1)
 - 4. How do we look at worship towards God?
- D. David was a Man of Mercy

1. While David was a mighty warrior, he was also a man of great mercy.
 2. David was a man who practiced what Jesus would later preach (Mt. 5:44)
 3. Multiple times David showed mercy to people that didn't deserve it, or who most people would not show mercy to.
 - a. Twice David spared Saul's life (1 Sam. 24 & 26)
 - b. David showed mercy to the city of Jabesh-Gilead (2 Sam. 2)
 - c. Abner (2 Sam. 3)
 - d. Mephibosheth (2 Sam. 9)
 - e. Shimei (2 Sam. 16, 19)
 - f. Absalom (2 Sam. 18:5)
 4. Christians today should emulate the mercifulness of David (Mt. 5:7, 6:14-15; 2 Cor. 2:5-8)
- E. David was a man that was willing to repent
1. For all of David's righteousness, he was still a human, and being human he sinned.
 2. When David realized his sin, he confessed his sin and repented.
 - a. Moving the Ark (1 Chr. 15:2-15)
 - b. Murder of Uriah and Adultery with Bathsheba (2 Sam. 12:13)
 - c. Census of the Nation (2 Sam. 24:10-17)
 3. When David sinned, he confessed to God, and changed his ways
 4. Christians must be able to recognize sin, and be willing to repent and change like David did (Lk. 13:3; Acts 8:22; Rev. 3:19)

III. Conclusion

- A. Every Christian should strive to be a man or woman after God's own heart.
- B. David's example can help us do that. Like David we should:
 1. Seek the will of God
 2. Trust in God
 3. Love to worship God
 4. Show mercy to others
 5. Be willing to repent
- C. By doing these things, we will be on our way to being a Christian after God's own heart.

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