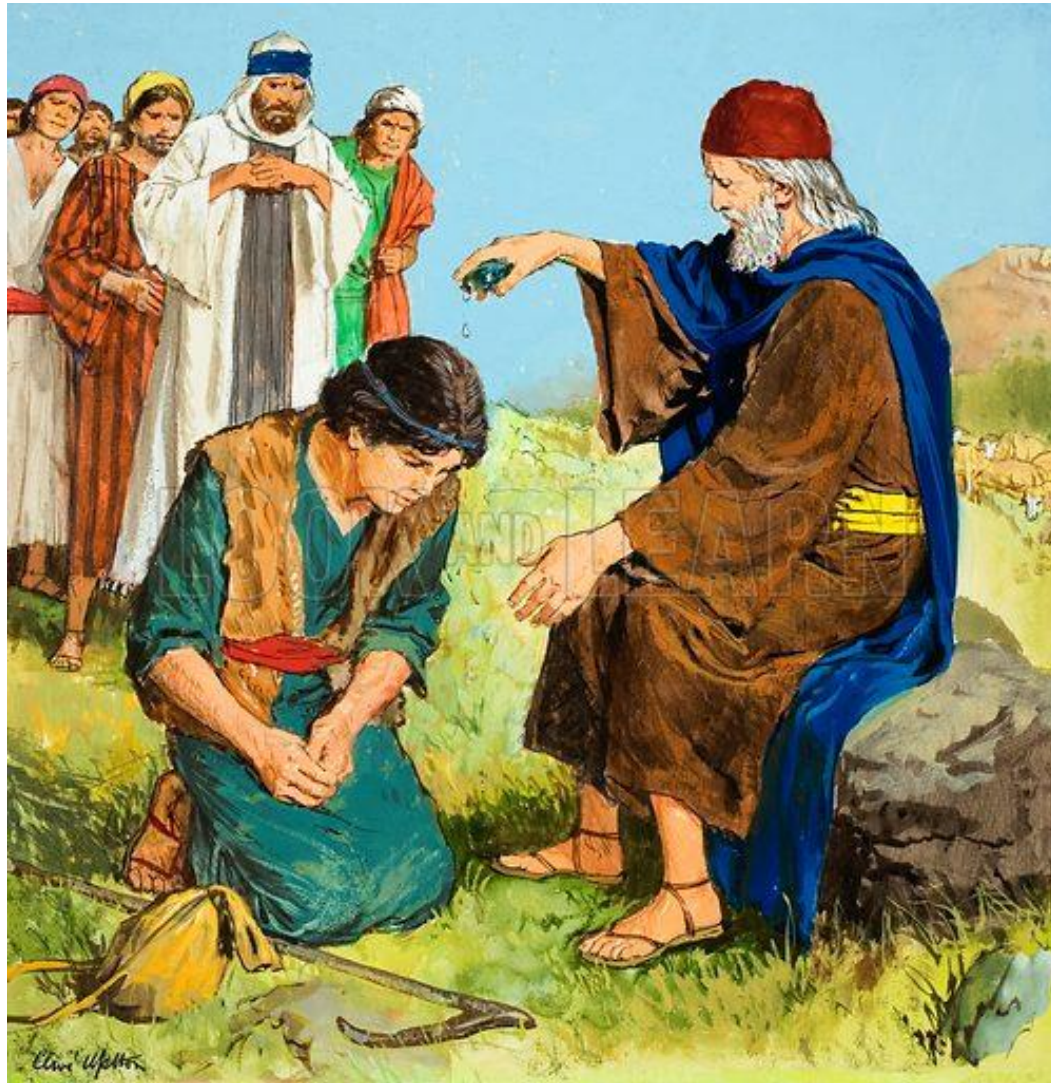


# David's Heart



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# Preview

- After disobeying God's command to destroy the Amalekites, Saul is notified by Samuel that the Lord has rejected Saul from being king. Saul is allowed to continue to reign for several more years (approximately 14 yrs.), but his descendants will not succeed the throne. God has picked His own king to take Saul's place.
- The name **David** means "Beloved One." God has great love for him. David plays an important role in the Bible. More space is devoted to David in the Scriptures than any other person, except Jesus Christ. Jesus was called the son of David and the root and offspring of David. Jerusalem is the city of David.
- Saul was man's pick for a king and he failed. David is God's choice who is blessed and used of God and also repents when he falters and fails.

- <sup>10</sup> Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these."  
<sup>11</sup> And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here."  
<sup>12</sup> So he sent and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this *is* the one!"  
<sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

- <sup>14</sup> But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him.  
<sup>15</sup> And Saul's servants said to him, "Surely, a distressing spirit from God is troubling you.  
<sup>16</sup> Let our master now command your servants, *who are* before you, to seek out a man *who is* a skillful player on the harp; and it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well."  
<sup>17</sup> So Saul said to his servants, "Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring *him* to me."  
<sup>18</sup> Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, *who is* skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD *is* with him."

- <sup>19</sup> Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David, who *is* with the sheep."  
<sup>20</sup> And Jesse took a donkey *loaded with* bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent *them* by his son David to Saul.  
<sup>21</sup> So David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer.  
<sup>22</sup> Then Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Please let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight."  
<sup>23</sup> And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play *it* with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.

# Comments

- Samuel asked, "Are there anymore sons?" Samuel is told there is one more son... the youngest who keeps the sheep. David is sent for and arrives on the scene. David not only had an outward beauty, but also an inward beauty. David had a heart for the Lord.
- David was herding the sheep for his father, Jesse the Bethlehemite, which was a job usually done by the servants of wealthy families. It was considered a menial job. God was preparing David for greater tasks.
- David was the *youngest* ([16:11](#)) meaning he was least in importance. He was least in his father's estimation; the last choice on his list but he was first on God's list because he was a young man after God's own heart.

# David's Heart

- [Psalm 23:1](#)... A believing heart ([Psalm 14:1](#))
- [Psalm 23:2](#)... A meditating heart.
- [Psalm 23:3](#)... A holy heart set on holiness.
- [Psalm 23:4](#)... A confident heart that was confident in God.
- [Psalm 23:5](#)... Grateful heart ([Psalm 9:1](#))
- [Psalm 23:6](#)... A Fixed Heart; not flirting with the world. ([Psalm 57:7](#))
- [Psalm 15:1, 2](#)... A truthful heart.
- [Psalm 26:2](#).... An open heart. ([Psalm 139:23](#))
- [Psalm 37:4, 5](#)... An expectant heart that was dependant upon God.
- [Psalm 40:8](#).... His heart remembered God's Word ([Psalm 19:14](#))
- [Psalm 51:10, 17](#)... A repentant heart. He was repentant when wrong.
- [Psalm 131:1](#)... A humble heart.
- [Psalm 40:8](#) ... An obedient heart

# David's Heart

- [Psalm 23:1](#)... A believing heart ([Psalm 14:1](#))  
The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.  
Contrast - **Psalm 14:1** The fool has said in his heart,  
*"There is no God."*
- [Psalm 23:2](#)... A meditating heart.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me  
beside the still waters.
- [Psalm 23:3](#)... A holy heart set on holiness.  
He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of  
righteousness For His name's sake.



- [Psalm 23:4](#)... A confident heart in God.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
- [Psalm 23:5](#)... Grateful heart ([Psalm 9:1](#))  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.  
**Psalm 9:1** I will praise *You*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works.
- [Psalm 23:6](#)... A Fixed Heart; ([Psalm 57:7](#))  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.  
**Psalm 57:7** My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise.

- [Psalm 15:1, 2](#)... A truthful heart.  
**Psalm 15:1-2** LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle?  
Who may dwell in Your holy hill? He who walks uprightly,  
And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart;
- [Psalm 26:2](#).... An open heart. ([Psalm 139:23](#))  
**Psalm 26:2** Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my  
mind and my heart.  
**Psalm 139:23** Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try  
me, and know my anxieties;
- [Psalm 37:4, 5](#)... An expectant heart that was dependent  
upon God.  
**Psalm 37:4-5** Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He  
shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way  
to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring *it* to pass.

- [Psalm 40:8](#).... He (His heart) remembered God's Word ([Psalm 19:14](#))

**Psalm 40:8** I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law *is* within my heart."

**Psalm 19:14** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

- [Psalm 51:10](#), [17](#)... A repentant heart. He was repentant when wrong.

**Psalm 51:10-17** <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

<sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart-- These, O God, You will not despise.

- [Psalm 131:1](#)... A humble heart.

**Psalm 131:1** LORD, my heart is not haughty, Nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, Nor with things too profound for me.

- [Psalm 40:8](#) ... An obedient heart

**Psalm 40:8** I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law *is* within my heart."

- [Psalm 22 – 24](#)... A Christ like heart

**Psalm 22:1-31** My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? ...They pierced My hands and My feet; ...They divide My garments among them...

**Psalm 24:9-10 (NKJV)** Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He *is* the King of glory. Selah

- David is anointed in the midst of his brethren. Oil was a visible sign of the Holy Spirit. Olive oil was used to light lamps, for cleansing, healing, nourishing, and strengthening. God was preparing to use David to do this for his own people. The Spirit of the Lord came upon David. The Holy Spirit of the Lord worked differently in the Old Testament than in the New Testament. In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit was selective (Moses, Joshua), temporary (Othniel, Samson), and could depart from the person. David was concerned about the Holy Spirit's departure ([Psalm 51:11](#)). The Holy Spirit departs from Saul. In the Church Age, He is universal and indwells all believers permanently. He does not leave the Christian.
- [John 14:16, 17](#)—*And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

# Saul's Heart

- <sup>14</sup> But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him.
- . His disobedience and hard heart brought about the departure and drastic change in his life.
- The evil spirit from the Lord troubled Saul.
- Saul suffers from depression, paranoia, emotional instability, suicidal and homicidal tendencies. Saul also dabbles in the occult by consulting a witch. The rejection of God opened him up to Satanic influence, misery, trouble, and affliction.

- About this time Saul became afflicted with a form of mental disorder caused by an evil spirit. The expression "**a distressing spirit from the LORD**" is explained by the fact that what God *permits* He is often said to *do*. Dr. Rendle Short analyzes the king's problem as follows: King Saul would now be diagnosed as a typical example of manic-depressive insanity. The periods of intense gloom with occasional outbreaks of homicidal violence for no particular reason, the delusion that people were plotting against him... are unmistakable.  
Believer's Bible Commentary

- Saul's servant discerned that the king was afflicted by an evil spirit. The servant knew the importance of music in combating and healing depression. Saul requests a musician.
- The servant of Saul was impressed with David.  
"Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, *who is* skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD *is* with him."
- [Matthew 5:16](#)—*Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*



- God in His grace allowed Saul to continue to rule and in His grace He allows Saul to enjoy the blessings of David's fellowship. He is still trying to reach Saul's heart. David becomes the armor-bearer of Saul. This was a position for only the courageous and loyal servants, for this man was very close to the king. David learns the court life of the kingdom first hand by doing this. The good music David played drove away the depression of Saul, refreshing his soul. Treasures From the Scriptures
- **Saul's servants** suggested that the king find someone gifted in music to calm him. David's name was suggested, and Saul sent for him. Verse [18](#) shows that David had already made quite a name for himself, even before he faced Goliath. Now his music seemed to lift the king out of his depression. Saul liked him so well that he made David **his personal armorbearer**.  
Believer's Bible Commentary

# God is Sovereign

- Not only does God remove His Spirit from Saul, but He also sends an evil spirit that torments the king. God is sovereign, and nothing can take place without His permission. After God sends the spirit to Saul, He sends David to serve as a court musician to provide Saul some relief. Layman's Bible Commentary

- **Romans 9:17-24 (NKJV)**

<sup>17</sup> For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, *"For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth."*

<sup>18</sup> Therefore He has mercy on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens.

- <sup>19</sup> You will say to me then, "Why does He still find fault? For who has resisted His will?"  
<sup>20</sup> But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God? Will the thing formed say to him who formed *it*, "Why have you made me like this?"  
<sup>21</sup> Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the same lump to make one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?  
<sup>22</sup> *What* if God, wanting to show *His* wrath and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,  
<sup>23</sup> and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory,  
<sup>24</sup> *even* us whom He called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?