

1 SAMUEL 16

What does God look for in a man?

David chosen over his brothers



- Be faithful to whatever task you are assigned now
- God knows where you are
- God will seek you out in due course

God looks on the heart



But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”

1 Sam 16:7

The heart is the wellspring of life



- The heart is the “**wellspring of life**”, the “seat of all the actions of life”
- The place where we “**desire, deliberate, decide**”
- The place **to which God turns**

God looks for hearts after His own heart

- 1 Sam 13:8-14 – Saul failed as king because he did not completely subject himself to God’s RULE
- 1 Chron 28:9 – David’s admonition to Solomon – serve Him with a WHOLE heart
- 1 Chron 29:19 – David’s prayer for Solomon and the people – “...direct their hearts toward you”; “...grant to Solomon a WHOLE heart that he may keep your commandments, your testimonies, your statutes...”
- Acts 13:22 – I have found in David the son of Jesse, a man after my heart, WHO WILL DO ALL MY WILL.



A heart after God's heart is a heart
that is **completely** ruled by God

Why we cannot be half-hearted

- **God is a jealous God**

- God wants our whole heart because He loves us with His whole heart
- Half-heartedness is offensive to God


- **Our hearts are made for single allegiance**

- We are fooling ourselves if we think we can live for self and God at the same time

- **Half-heartedness means ineffective, fruitless lives**

- Deuteronomy 30:6, “The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul and live ”

God wants to give us a new heart



I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all **your impurities and from all your idols**. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36:25-26

God tests our hearts to refine us



The crucible is for silver, and the furnace is
for gold, and the LORD tests hearts.

Pr 17:3

Trusting God's heart when we don't see His hand



⁹ O my Strength, I watch for you;
you, O God are my fortress, my loving God

¹⁶ I will sing of your strength,
in the morning I will sing of your love;

For you are my fortress,
my refuge in times of trouble

Psalm 59:9, 16

Open your heart to God's glory around you



The heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament shows His handiwork.

Day unto day utters speech,
And night unto night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech nor language
Where their voice is not heard.

Psalm 19:1-3