

A heart for God

1 Samuel 16:1-13

SERMON POINTS

- **Old Testament Survey to First Samuel**
 - See this great summary from the Bible Project on 1 Samuel:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QJOju5Dw0V0>
- **Summary of First Samuel**
- **A man after God's own heart**
 - God's extraordinary power is displayed through David's ordinary weakness
 - To have a heart for God we must have God in our heart
- **KEY TAKEAWAY** → To have a heart for God we have to have God in our heart (through the Holy Spirit)

QUESTIONS:

Q: What attributes in other people do you find most impressive? What is God impressed with?

Q: In what ways is it encouraging that God looks at the heart instead of outward things?

Q: In what ways might it be "scary" that God looks at the heart?

Q: What would you need to stop doing to have a greater heart for God?

Q: What would you need to start doing to have a greater heart for God?

ADDITIONAL READING:

1 Samuel 13:13-14

And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the LORD your God, with which he commanded you. For then the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. [14] But now your kingdom shall not continue. **The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart**, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

Matthew 15:16-20

And he said, "Are you also still without understanding? [17] Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? [18] But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. [19] For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. [20] These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone."

Acts 13:22-23

And when he had removed him (Saul), he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, 'I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.' [23] Of this man's offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.

Psalms 51:10-12

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

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