

Heart of God: Part 8

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In the closing of this series, we must confess of a deeper understanding that the revelation of God's Heart has been made known to each of us and we should be eager to adopt his will, emotions, and character. And this brings us to our series disclaimer of truth.

The Heart of God must be view in reference to these 3 areas:

God's Will - This will cover his motives, thoughts, intentions, desire, objective, and purpose.

God's Emotions - This will cover what is pleasing and dissatisfying. What upsets and angers God. And what persuades his response.

God's Character - This will cover who He is and who He is not. His superiority, His sovereignty, His Majesty, and His Holiness.

If we view this series and any other series or message, we will see the heart of God through the lens of Jesus, which is the expression of God, the word and the word became flesh.

John 1:1–5 NLT

¹ In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He existed in the beginning with God. ³ God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. ⁴ The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

If we could stop and think about the terminology of ... the beginning. The beginning is defined as the start or point of origin. It also signifies the rule and authority that was established at the primacy of that point of origin. And since we are highlighting the Heart of God, then we turn our focus to just that. In the beginning the Heart of God already existed. The Heart of God was with God, and the Heart of God was God. And nothing was created outside of the Heart of God. The Heart of God gave life to everything that was created and the Heart of God was the light of the world.

To many people this would be a stretch but when we have a clearer understanding that it is the Heart of God that pursues us, the dynamic of these verses sets the stage of the beginning in a way that hits very close to the heart. In the Passion Translation it states that the word of God is the Living Expression. In most cases if not all, when we think or imagine a heart, we visualize it in its state of action. The pumping of blood through the body and causing life to be and remain alive. A function that we often overlook because it's not at the forefront of our thinking. But when mentioned it signifies life. It signifies remaining. It signifies the functionality of a purpose filled life. When a heart is at work, we see the fulfillment of things to come. Within the 2nd to 3rd week of pregnancy the heart begins to develop in a baby. Our hearts have been with us from the beginning...even before our brains. God gives us a heart first for a reason! Let that marinate in your spirits this morning!

John 1:6–18 TPT

⁶ Then suddenly a man appeared who was sent from God, a messenger named John. ⁷ For he came to be a witness, to point the way to the Light of Life, and to help everyone believe. ⁸ John was not that Light but he came to show who is. For he was merely a messenger to speak the truth about the Light. ⁹ For the Light of Truth was about to come into the world and shine upon everyone. ¹⁰ He entered into the very world he created, yet the world was unaware. ¹¹ He came to the very people he created — to those who should have recognized him, but they did not receive him. ¹² But those who embraced him and took hold of his name were given authority to become the children of God! ¹³ He was not born by the joining of human parents or from natural means, or by a man's desire, but he was born of God. ¹⁴ And so the Living Expression became a man and lived among us! And we gazed upon the splendor of his glory, the glory of the One and Only who came from the Father overflowing with tender mercy and truth! ¹⁵ John taught the truth about him when he announced to the people, "He's the One! *Set your hearts on him!* I told you he would come after me, even though he ranks far above me, for he existed before I was even born." ¹⁶ And now out of his fullness we are fulfilled! And from him we receive grace heaped upon more grace! ¹⁷ Moses gave us the Law, but Jesus, the Anointed One, unveils truth wrapped in tender mercy. ¹⁸ No one has ever gazed upon the fullness of God's splendor except the uniquely beloved Son, who is cherished by the Father and held close to his heart. Now he has unfolded to us the full explanation of who God truly is!

Although John the Apostle was pointing to John the Baptist as a messenger that would be a witness of the Heart of God, he would not be the only witness. Because you and I have been charged with the commission of making disciples of all mankind. And the proclamation of repentance that John proclaimed would prepare the heart of man for the Heart of God. It was repentance then that prepared man for the messiah to come and it is still repentance that will prepare the heart of man for His return.

Jesus lived among people just like me and you. A people that was battered and bruised. A people that was oppressed by the hardships of life but even more by their neglect to be watching for the coming of the Anointed One. All the signs led to this timing of His coming but many would not receive Him because they did not live a lifestyle of repentance. The only ones that received Jesus was the ones that knew how much of a mess that their life was. The ones that

were poor in spirit, held captive by sin, broken hearted, and those blinded. As we view these as physical attributes, they are only a manifestation of our life without Christ. Because Jesus is the expression of God, or we could state...because Jesus is the Heart of God we have been liberated from sin because of the gift that God continues to give; Grace upon Grace. This grace is the unmerited favor that we can never do anything to earn. It is the forgiveness of sin. And this aspect of Grace is what we are primarily familiar with. But the other side of grace....or the grace upon grace is that we have been given something more that we cannot do anything to deserve. The empowerment to live a life like Jesus. To walk and operate in the same power that Jesus paid the highest price for.

Jesus said:

John 14:12 NLT

¹² “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

Jesus was making a statement of fact (a truth that is not wavered by opinion) that the sign of a believer (one who obeys) will do the work I do. If we pause there before moving on, this sets the tone for who a believer really is. This is the minimal. And if a someone is not meeting the minimal then it's not a question of if they are a believer, the fact is that Jesus said if anyone believes then the standard is they will operate as I have operated. This standard is a call to grace and not of works. You might be saying, Pastor you are speaking from both sides of your mouth.

But [Luke 2:52](#) says:

Luke 2:52 NLT

⁵² Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God ...

The word favor in the greek is Charis: meaning the grace of God or the gift of God. Some say; unmerited favor. Jesus operated in the grace of God and this is how He performed the Heart of God to the poor in spirit, the ones held captive by sin, the broken hearted, and those that were blinded to truth.

John 5:19 NLT

¹⁹ So Jesus explained, “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.

Have we noticed that in two of these last few verses of how often Jesus referred to the saying, “I tell you the truth”? This is a reflection of the importance of what He was about to proclaim to the heart of man. The removal of questioning, that God's Heart was emphasizing a reality that would annihilate doubt. Cause if we can have grace enough to perform the minimal works, then grace also allows us to do the greater works. This is the extraordinary call from the God's heart that allows us to do extraordinary works. Jesus continues:

John 6:38 NLT

³⁸ For I have come down from heaven to do the will of God who sent me, not to do my own will.

The life of Jesus is so plain to see within scripture but has it been settled in our hearts? The fulfillment of God's heart was for His Heart to dwelling within and to bring the Kingdom of God to Earth.

Matthew 6:9–10 TPT

⁹ Pray like this: 'Our Father, dwelling in the heavenly realms, may the glory of your name be the center on which our lives turn. ¹⁰ Manifest your kingdom realm, and cause your every purpose to be fulfilled on earth, just as it is fulfilled in heaven.

His will....what we start the series and each sermon off with? Defining the heart of God as His will! Your will be done on earth just as it is done in heaven. Where is the disconnect with the church? Where is the disconnect with the believer? Could it be because we have our own mission and not that of the Father? Could it be that we are not bringing heaven to earth? Has the church said a vain prayer? Jesus said to the religious leaders...The scripture say that you honor me with your mouth but your heart is far from me. His word and mission has to be deeper than surface. It must penetrate the heart. Just as evil speaks from the heart...the glory of God must speak from the heart. Jesus said the words you speak from the heart is what defiles you. So if it can defile it can also cleanse you.

In closing:

Proverbs 4:20–23 NLT

²⁰ My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. ²¹ Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, ²² for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body. ²³ Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

The course of man's heart is prone for evil. But if we allow the heart of God to saturate our heart then course of our life will that of the the Father... "The Heart of God"

I want to close with a question that God has asked me...Have you ever had someone reject you heart? How did it make you feel? Have you rejected God's Heart? If you reject today's message...then you have rejected God's heart. If you reject His correction...then you have rejected God's Heart. If you refused to listen to His guidance...you have rejected God's Heart. But you don't have to do it any longer. Will you submit to His Lordship and bring Heaven to earth?

John 3:16 NLT

¹⁶ "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.

We are the Heart of God! A call for mankind to be saved from His judgement and to rule and reign when Heaven does come to earth.

Let me pray with you today!