

Heart of God: Part 6

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As we will continue to dive into scripture to see God's heart revealed but must be reminded of the three areas of how God's heart is seen within scripture.

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

1. God's Will - This will cover his motives, thoughts, intentions, desire, objective, and purpose.
2. God's Emotions - This will cover what is pleasing and dissatisfying. What upsets and angers God. And what persuades his response.
3. 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 15:1–10 NLT

¹ “I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³ You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. ⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. ⁷ But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! ⁸ When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father. ⁹ “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

A very familiar story that each of us has heard over and over again. But the truths within each word and every declaration is to serve as a reminder. Peter made this very clear in [2 Peter 1:12-13, 15](#)

2 Peter 1:12–13 NLT

¹² Therefore, I will always remind you about these things—even though you already know them and are standing firm in the truth you have been taught. ¹³ And it is only right that I should keep on reminding you as long as I live.

2 Peter 1:15 NLT

¹⁵ so I will work hard to make sure you always remember these things after I am gone.

So today we will continue to declare these truth into each of our hearts as this is the heart of God.

The word “Remain” in the greek means to be united, to be of one accord in heart, mind, and will.

This simple means that what God’s plans are is our plans. What God desires, we desire. What his truth is, is our truth. What He loves, we love. What He hates is what we hate. His main thing is our main thing. And this is a hard pill to swallow for many Christians...and you know why? Because Jesus is their savior and not their Lord. They acknowledge His sacrifice on the cross as means of atonement for sins and the path to reconciliation with God. And this is important in making Him Lord. His Lordship is us confessing and accepting His authority and Lordship over our life, committing to follow His teachings and live according to His will. When He is Lord, the evidence is the transformation of one’s life.

So when we remain in Him he has promised to remain in us. But first we have to adopt His heart and then in return He gives us the desires of our heart. Because now our heart aligns with His. Outside of having the heart of God, it is impossible to bear fruit. It’s not until we adopt His heart that our fruit becomes full. In verse 7 we will highlight the emphasis of God’s heart.

John 15:7 NLT

⁷ But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

Notice at first that Jesus said that if you remain in me, I will remain in you and now Jesus has replaced Himself as His word to remain. This is so powerful y’all! Scripture declares that Heaven and Earth will pass away before His word does. So now Jesus is drawing a clearer picture that we must adopt His word as our life and source of survival. His word must be our everything...and when it is our everything then God gives to us of His good pleasure. Luke stated that He will always give us what we need as long as we make the Kingdom of God our primary concern. For it brings the Father great pleasure to give us the Kingdom.

So as we dive a little deeper into the Heart of God turn with me to [Daniel 2:1-3](#)

Daniel 2:1–3 NLT

¹ One night during the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had such disturbing dreams that he couldn’t sleep. ² He called in his magicians, enchanters, sorcerers, and astrologers, and he demanded that they tell him what he had dreamed. As they stood before the king, ³ he said, “I have had a dream that deeply troubles me, and I must know what it means.”

Daniel 2:9–19 NLT

⁹ ‘If you don’t tell me the dream, you are doomed.’ So you have conspired to tell me lies, hoping I will change my mind. But tell me the dream, and then I’ll know that you can tell me what it means.” ¹⁰ The astrologers replied to the king, “No one on earth can tell the king his dream! And no king, however great and powerful, has ever asked such a thing of any magician, enchanter, or astrologer! ¹¹ The king’s demand is impossible. No one except the gods can tell you your dream, and they do not live here among people.” ¹² The king was furious when he heard this, and he

ordered that all the wise men of Babylon be executed.¹³ And because of the king's decree, men were sent to find and kill Daniel and his friends.¹⁴ When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, came to kill them, Daniel handled the situation with wisdom and discretion.¹⁵ He asked Arioch, "Why has the king issued such a harsh decree?" So Arioch told him all that had happened.¹⁶ Daniel went at once to see the king and requested more time to tell the king what the dream meant.¹⁷ Then Daniel went home and told his friends Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah what had happened.¹⁸ He urged them to ask the God of heaven to show them his mercy by telling them the secret, so they would not be executed along with the other wise men of Babylon.¹⁹ That night the secret was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven.

What the King was demanding was beyond the wisdom and knowledge of man but Daniel was well aware of the God he served. Daniel didn't have to plead and bargain with God. Daniel simply made God's plan his own before all of this had transpired. God's heart is that no man will perish but that all will come to repentance. And Daniel lived a life that was pleasing to God and we know this because everywhere Daniel went, God gave him favor. We see in Daniel chapter 1 that he refused to defile himself by partaken of the Kings food. Daniel's corresponding actions was the proof that God's word remained in him and in return God gave Daniel what he had asked for.

Daniel showed us how to be in tune with God's heart, so what did he do. He first prayed and ask for mercy. Mercy is not getting what we do deserve. And if we look closely in chapter one we will see that Israel had been overtaken by Babylon because of their disobedience, so Daniel deserved death as much as the next Israelite. But God's mercy prevailed and Daniel was favored because Daniel thought more of God than he did himself. Daniel taught us that we are to pray as if our lives depend on it. As this was the case for him and so many others.

And because he prayed, God answered and gave him what he asked for. God gave a revelation and it makes me wonder, are we praying for a revelation? A revelation means to make known what is unknown. This revelation was a secret or something that was unknown by any other man. But because Daniel earnestly prayed as though his life depended on it, God answered. As we read earlier in the book of Luke that it is God's joyous pleasure to give us the Kingdom. How is this resonating within your spirit as we are speaking with clarity the truth of this scripture. Are we praying as if our lives depend on a revelation from the Heart of God. Let's dive a little deeper!

Daniel 2:25–30 NLT

²⁵ Arioch quickly took Daniel to the king and said, "I have found one of the captives from Judah who will tell the king the meaning of his dream!" ²⁶ The king said to Daniel (also known as Belteshazzar), "Is this true? Can you tell me what my dream was and what it means?" ²⁷ Daniel replied, "There are no wise men, enchanters, magicians, or fortune-tellers who can reveal the king's secret. ²⁸ But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and he has shown King Nebuchadnezzar what will happen in the future. Now I will tell you your dream and the visions you saw as you lay on your bed. ²⁹ "While Your Majesty was sleeping, you dreamed about coming events. He who reveals secrets has shown you what is going to happen. ³⁰ And it is not

because I am wiser than anyone else that I know the secret of your dream, but because God wants you to understand what was in your heart.

What Daniel proclaim in the witness of the King was the sovereignty of God's majestic superiority. This proclamation set Daniel apart from all the other wise men. Daniel's heart for God became the Heart of God towards a paganistic Babylonian king. As Daniel spoke the Heart of God, order was being established. When we speak from the Heart of God it will reveal what is in the heart of us.

Daniel 2:46–48 NLT

⁴⁶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar threw himself down before Daniel and worshiped him, and he commanded his people to offer sacrifices and burn sweet incense before him. ⁴⁷ The king said to Daniel, "Truly, your God is the greatest of gods, the Lord over kings, a revealer of mysteries, for you have been able to reveal this secret." ⁴⁸ Then the king appointed Daniel to a high position and gave him many valuable gifts. He made Daniel ruler over the whole province of Babylon, as well as chief over all his wise men.

When God is glorified and lifted up, He will exalt us into the position that He has ordained. Daniel was promoted because he prayed earnestly. He spoke and proclaimed the revelation of God's heart and positioned for himself to make God Lord of his life. And because God was Lord, many lives were given mercy. God always remembers our faithfulness.

Daniel 2:49 NLT

⁴⁹ At Daniel's request, the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to be in charge of all the affairs of the province of Babylon, while Daniel remained in the king's court.

Someone's provision is found within your promotion. And your promotion will not take place unless we speak and proclaim what God has revealed!

Let me pray with you today!