

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-23

Sermon Title: Heavy Is The Head: David & The Heart of God

Grow as men & women **after God's own heart.**

***The contrast with Saul:***

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since **I have rejected him as king over Israel?** Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. **I have chosen one of his sons to be king.**"<sup>2</sup> But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. **You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.**"

v1-3

"You have done a foolish thing," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time."<sup>14</sup> But now your kingdom will not endure; **the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart** and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command."

1 Samuel 13:13-14

Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel: <sup>11</sup>"I regret that I have made Saul king, because **he has turned away from me** and **has not carried out my instructions.**" Samuel was angry, and he cried out to the Lord all that night.

1 Samuel 15:10-11

***Treasuring***

"What have you done?" asked Samuel. Saul replied, **"When I saw that the men were scattering,** and that you did not come at the set time, and that the Philistines were assembling at Mikdash,<sup>12</sup> I thought, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the Lord's favor.' So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering."

1 Samuel 13:11-12

Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned. I violated the Lord's command and your instructions. **I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them.**

1 Samuel 15:24

Saul replied, "I have sinned. **But please honor me before the elders of my people and before Israel;** come back with me, so that I may worship the Lord your God."

1 Samuel 15:30

Men & women after God's own heart **treasure God above all else.**

***Trusting***

The Philistines assembled to fight Israel, with three thousand chariots, six thousand charioteers, and soldiers as numerous as the sand on the seashore. They went up and camped at Mikdash, east of Beth Aven. <sup>6</sup> When the Israelites saw that their situation was critical and that

their army was hard pressed, they hid in caves and thickets, among the rocks, and in pits and cisterns. <sup>7</sup>Some Hebrews even crossed the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul remained at Gilgal, and all the troops with him were quaking with fear.<sup>8</sup>**He waited seven days, the time set by Samuel; but Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and Saul's men began to scatter.** <sup>2</sup>**So he said, "Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings."** **And Saul offered up the burnt offering.** <sup>10</sup>Just as he finished making the offering, Samuel arrived, and Saul went out to greet him.  
1 Samuel 13:5-10

Early in the morning Samuel got up and went to meet Saul, but he was told, "Saul has gone to Carmel. There he has set up a monument in his own honor and has turned and gone on down to Gilgal." <sup>13</sup>When Samuel reached him, Saul said, "The Lord bless you! I have carried out the Lord's instructions." <sup>14</sup>But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?" <sup>15</sup>Saul answered, "The soldiers brought them from the Amalekites; **they spared the best of the sheep and cattle to sacrifice to the Lord your God, but we totally destroyed the rest.**"  
1 Samuel 15:12-15

**Men & women after God's own heart [trust God's timing & wisdom.](#)**

### *Obedience*

"You have done a foolish thing," Samuel said. "**You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you;** if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time."  
1 Samuel 13:13

But Samuel replied: "Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? **To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.**" <sup>23</sup>For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king."  
1 Samuel 15:22-23

**Men & women after God's own heart obey [courageously, completely, & with excellence.](#)**

The phrase "a man after my own heart" is God categorizing [His standards for His leaders & healthy relationship with Him.](#)

### *The contrast with Samuel:*

Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived **at Bethlehem,** the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" <sup>5</sup>Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. "When they arrived, **Samuel saw Eliab and thought,** "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord." <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to Samuel, "**Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**" <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and had

him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The Lord has not chosen this one either.”<sup>9</sup> Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the Lord chosen this one.”<sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The Lord has not chosen these.”<sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” **“There is still the youngest.”** Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”<sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

v4-13

“This is the inscription that was written: mene, mene, tekel, parsin<sup>26</sup> “Here is what these words mean: *Mene*: God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. <sup>27</sup>***Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.*** <sup>28</sup>*Peres*: Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”

Daniel 5:25-28

**When God assesses us, He looks beyond the externals & into the depths of who we are.**

**Men & women after God’s own heart are men & women of character.**

***The character of David:***

Now the Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him. <sup>15</sup> Saul’s attendants said to him, “See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. <sup>16</sup> Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the lyre. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes on you, and you will feel better.” <sup>17</sup> So Saul said to his attendants, “Find someone who plays well and bring him to me.” <sup>18</sup> One of the servants answered, “I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the Lord is with him.”

v14-18

**Men & women after God’s own heart love God with their whole selves across their whole life.**

**God has purposes for you to fulfill.**

“Now when **David had served God’s purpose in his own generation**, he fell asleep; Acts 13:36

**God has people for you to serve.**

He chose David his servant and took him from the sheep pens; <sup>71</sup> from tending the sheep he brought him **to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance.**

Psalm 78:70-71

**God has promises for you to experience.**

I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. <sup>26</sup> They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be a blessing. <sup>27</sup> Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever. <sup>28</sup> **For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones.**

Psalm 37:25-28

**God has passion for you to embody.**

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; **I thirst for you**, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

Psalm 63:1

**God has power for you to walk in.**

For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God? <sup>32</sup>**It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure.** <sup>33</sup> He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he causes me to stand on the heights. <sup>34</sup> He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze. <sup>35</sup> You make your saving help my shield, and your right hand sustains me; your help has made me great. <sup>36</sup> You provide a broad path for my feet, so that my ankles do not give way.

Psalm 18:31-36

**God has a meaningful life prepared for you, don't settle for what you can produce for yourself.**

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, <sup>42</sup>“What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?” “The son of David,” they replied. <sup>43</sup> He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says, <sup>44</sup>“**The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.”**” <sup>45</sup> If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?”

Matthew 22:41-45

**Jesus is greater than David.**

*Where is God asking for more of your heart so He can show & give you more of His?*

My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”

Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Psalm 27:8