

# THE LIFE OF DAVID



<sup>1</sup> The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup> And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" <sup>3</sup> And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem.

# 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13



**4b** The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” **5** And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. **6** When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is before him.” **7** 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 SAMUEL 16:1-13** (cont...)



**8** Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one."

**9** Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." **10** And Jesse made seven of his

sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." **11** Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all

your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to

Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here."

**1 SAMUEL 16:1-13** (cont...)



**12** And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." **13** Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

**1 SAMUEL 16:1-13** (cont...)



# ACCORDING TO GOD'S HEART

1 Samuel 16:1-13



“The divine attribute of being all-powerful as the King and Lord who exercises supreme rule over all creation. Examples include (1) the divine decree regarding creation, providence, redemption, and consummation; (2) the infallible, meticulous outworking of that plan in each and every aspect of it; and (3) the sure salvation of genuine Christians.”

**GREGG ALLISON**

The Baker Compact Dictionary of Theological Terms





“C. H. Spurgeon was once asked if he could reconcile these two truths to each other. “I wouldn’t try,” he replied; “I never reconcile friends.” Friends?—yes, friends. This is the point that we have to grasp. In the Bible, divine sovereignty and human responsibility are not enemies. They are not uneasy neighbors; they are not in an endless state of cold war with each other. They are friends, and they work together.”

**J. I. PACKER**

Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God





**7** 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 SAMUEL 16:7**



**3** The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.

**PROVERBS 15:3**



**11** Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the Lord; how much more the hearts of the children of man!

**PROVERBS 15:11**



9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick;  
who can understand it?

**JEREMIAH 17:9**



**14** But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart....

**1 SAMUEL 13:14**



**22** And when he had removed him, 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."

**ACTS 13:22**





# ACCORDING TO MAN'S HEART



**3** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
**4** Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. **5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**PSALM 51:3-5**





“Our first parents, by this sin, fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and we in them whereby death came upon all: all becoming dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the faculties and parts of soul and body.”

## OUR CONFESSION

2nd London Baptist Confession of Faith

*Ch. 6 - Of the Fall of Man, of Sin, and of the Punishment Thereof (para. 2)*



“They being the root, and by God's appointment, standing in the room and stead of all mankind, the guilt of the sin was imputed, and corrupted nature conveyed, to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation, being now conceived in sin, and by nature children of wrath, the servants of sin, the subjects of death, and all other miseries, spiritual, temporal, and eternal, unless the Lord Jesus set them free.”

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# ACCORDING TO GOD'S HEART



**1b** “Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”

**1 SAMUEL 16:1b**



**14b** The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart....

**1 SAMUEL 13:14b**



**26** Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness."

**GENESIS 1:26**



**3** When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

**GENESIS 5:3**



**7** Then the five men departed and came to Laish and saw the people who were there, how they lived in security, after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and unsuspecting....

**JUDGES 18:7**



**15** “And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.”

**JEREMIAH 3:15**



**14b** The Lord has sought out [for Himself] a man after [according to] his own heart....

**1 SAMUEL 13:14b**





**11** Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.”

**1 SAMUEL 16:11**



**12** And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he."

**1 SAMUEL 16:12**





**21** Because of your promise, and according to your own heart, you have brought about all this greatness, to make your servant know it. **22** Therefore you are great, O Lord God. For there is none like you, and there is no God besides you, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

**2 SAMUEL 7:21-22**





# DOCTRINE & DEVOTION



“God’s good purposes arise out of his perfect and sovereign will. The Bible teaches that he chose Israel to be his people, David to be his king, and Jerusalem to be his city. His purposes in all this will be fulfilled in Jesus Christ, his ‘Chosen One.’ Christian believers know themselves to have been “chosen.”

**JOHN WOODHOUSE**

*Preach the Word ESV Commentary on 1 Samuel*



**7** It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, **8** but it is because the Lord loves you...

**DUETERONOMY 7:7-8a**





**10** as it is written: "None is righteous, no, not one; **11** no one understands; no one seeks for God."

**ROMANS 3:10-11**





“One week-night, when I was sitting in the house of God, I was not thinking much about the preacher’s sermon, for I did not believe it. The thought struck me, How did you come to be a Christian? I sought the Lord. But how did you come to seek the Lord? The truth flashed across my mind in a moment – I should not have sought Him unless there had been some previous influence in my mind to make me seek Him. I prayed, thought I, but then I asked myself, How came I to pray? I was induced to pray by reading the Scriptures. How came I to read the Scriptures? I did read them, but what led me to do so? Then, in a moment, I saw that God was at the bottom of it all, and that He was the author of my faith, and so the doctrine of grace opened up to me, and from that doctrine I have not departed to this day, and I desire to make this my constant confession, ‘I ascribe my change wholly to God.’”

**CHARLES SPURGEON**





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