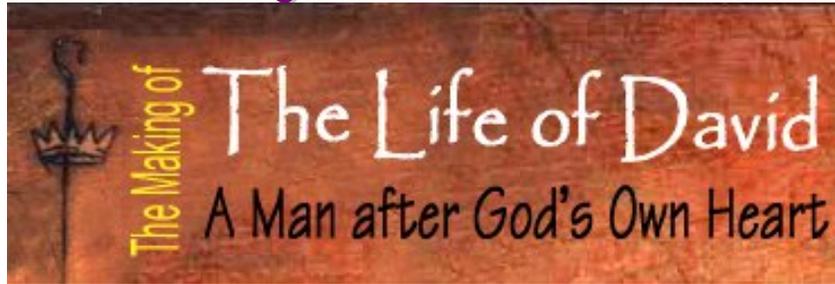




1 Samuel 13:1-4

Heart to Obey- Pt 1

Sunday, Feb 5th 2006



For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.... (2 Ch 16:9)

Today it is happening...today God is looking, searching

- Looking for hearts...people that are loyal, His
- There is a sadness about the verse...for draws attention to fact...such a find is rare
- Rare? yes, Imaginary – no
 - Occasionally...wonderfully – some such hearts, some such people are found

One of those finds, ranks high on God's list

- God calls it – “A man after God's own heart”
- All probably know him...David

This morning want to embark on a new series

- Going to look at and study – life of David
- Have open Bibles to 1 Sam 13 

Honestly, I am excited...and nervous about this study

- Know God is leading...that is good
- But have been apprehensive...weight of material
 - David, his life, one of most talked about in Bible
 - His name is mentioned over 1000 times
 - Most referred to name from OT in NT
 - 62 chapters of OT devoted to his life
 - Not counting where are this & next week
 - Some Bible students suggest 73 of our 150 Psalms are authored by him
 - Massive amount we can cover...
- Honestly worried, dive in and never get out

- Probably will be a long series
- Will skim and summarize throughout

Perhaps more info than want or care about

- But know about me...long studies overwhelm
- So...felt led by God to break it up – 4 sections
- 1st – Making of a man after God's own heart
 - Cover formative years – calling – to King
- 2nd – Living out of a man after God's own heart
 - Living out calling, heart – in real world
- 3rd – The Friends of a man after God's own heart
 - Attracted as I have studied to those that God brought to be with and around David
- 4th – The Legacy of a man after God's own heart
 - Closing years, admonitions and more
 - Perhaps look at a few Psalms...perhaps

I. A Man after God's Heart

1. Think of phrase...man after God's own heart

- a. Wonderful...delightful – grabs me
- b. Something about – melodious...desirable
- c. As if God is saying – that is what looking for

2. David becomes a standard for rest of Bible

- a. Compares others to him - 📖

3. A man after God's own heart....

- a. Problem...what does it mean
- b. I mean, I want it all, everything in it
- c. But what is it?

4. In one sense...see in whole study, who life

- a. Yet today...I hope to see the foundation of it
- b. As the phrase originates in this passage

5. In today's passage – 1st mention of David in Bible

- a. No, not actually mentioned by name
- b. But first time he is spoken about is here
- c. Gives us a picture of what his character will be

II. Saul – a Black Backdrop

- d. Quick history (invite to read more on own)

1. Up to this point- Israel been a theocracy

- a. God ruled, God as the head

2. Samuel is the prophet...people tired

- a. Want a man centered approach
- b. Want to be like the world
- c. Church has followed this 1,000 times

3. They ask for a king...get Saul

- a. People's choice
- b. Begins well "small in his own eyes"
- c. But does not last
- d. Personally think what v.1 is referring to

4. Begin to see Saul's failing, falling away

- a. Character of Saul, contrast to that of David
- b. 1st – self – selfish**
 - i) Notice – "chose for himself"
 - ii) Will become more and more pronounced
- c. 2nd – pride – glory hog...appearances**
 - i) Jonathan attacks Philistines. Saul's news release...and takes the credit...steals the glory...it will continue

5. The Battle prepared

- a. Philistines – massive forces Israel...small...afraid
- b. Rightly – waiting on Samuel...on God 📖

6. Saul's folly

- a. Saul grows impatient**
 - i) People scattering FROM HIM (note emphasis)
- b. Saul makes an unlawful sacrifice**
 - i) He violates God's will, word, ways

7. Samuel confronts Saul

- a. Then...right on time...Samuel shows up
- b. Asks –what have you done**
 - i) Shock...picture a parent and child
 - ii) Picture cookie jar shattered...standing there

8. Saul's answer

- a. Saw people scattered from me**
- b. Saw that you did not come within days** (actually did...)
 - i) Partially blames Samuel
- c. Saw Philistines preparing to come**
- d. Therefore...sacrifice
- e. What is key to see – Saul is not repenting, but explaining**
- f. He is explaining why right, felt right to do
- g. Notice his first approach to Samuel – confident

h. Simple...why Saul? – Felt compelled

- i) Notice...ponder...felt compelled
- ii) When push comes to shove – what to do, obey God and His Word or feelings...took feelings
- iii) Right here becomes contrast with David

9. Notice – Samuel rebukes Saul

- a. You have done foolishly – played the fool
 - i) Becomes true of Saul as a whole
- b. He loses the kingdom
- c. Quick warning...can happen

I. A Man after God's heart

1. Now...here is the phrase, the contrast

- a. God speaks of putting down Saul and raising up David – a man after God's own heart

2. What is the issue? What speaking of?

- a. Compelling vs Commandment
- b. Note the emphasis on command in the passage
 - i) It is this that draws God's attention
 - ii) Notice the repeated word – commandment
- c. One lives by feeling...the other by God's Word

3. In Acts 13 – points the same thing

- a. Draws attention – David did all His will
- b. Grabbed me...I mean it
- c. If asked me before last summer – would have told you a whole bunch of other things
- d. But word is clear – is his heart to obey

4. God is big on this – mentions it often

- a. What excited and excites God...is one who takes Him seriously
- b. One who is loyal...sticks with God

Conclusion

What does it mean to be a man after God's own heart

- Many things...will see
- But foundational – difference between living by compelling feelings and commandments

Talk about – call for – use examples God gives

- When pressed...which to obey – compelling or commandment

Not talking about past

- Accept where need to admit wrong
- But future...making us, making this heart
- Invite you down this study..."Making a man after God's own heart"
- Saul never got it...David did and will
- Will you – a heart that will obey

In one sense....today you are either...

- a Philistine – God's enemy
- a Saul – His....but doing own way
- a David – got His heart...do all His will