

David, the Man after God's Own Heart – Acts 13:22

“For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him” (II Chronicles 16:9).

- I. **David was a man after God's heart, because he loved everything about God's name, cause, and reputation on the earth, including the complete inheritance of the land promised to Israel.**
 - A. The taunting of Goliath made David jealous over God's reputation. He was zealous to fight for God's honor (I Samuel 17:32-37, 45-51).
 - B. What is God's cause today?
 1. Loosening the chains of injustice (Isaiah 58:5-12)
 2. Ministering to those who need food, clothes, shelter, etc. (Matthew 25:31-46).
 3. Finishing the evangelization of the world (Matthew 28:18-20; 24:12-14).

- II. **David was a man after God's heart, because he cherished God's presence—especially as he worshiped and prayed (Psalm 27).**
 - A. Receiving the Spirit's presence when we worship and pray together is one of our greatest privileges and joys.
 - B. Today we are a part of a prayer and worship movement sweeping over the earth (Psalm 27:6-8; Matthew 21:12-16).
 - C. Jesus often withdrew to pray and spend time with God (Luke 5:15-16).
 - D. The binding and loosing ability of people who agree in prayer and gather in Jesus' name is phenomenal (Matthew 18:18-20; Psalm 133).

- III. **David was a man after God's heart, because he was honest and repented when he sinned, foreshadowing our ability as Christians to confess our sins and be forgiven in Jesus' name (Psalm 51).**
 - A. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness” (I John 1:9).
 - B. Being vulnerable to one another and praying for each other brings healing and is powerful and effective (James 5:16-19; Galatians 6:1-2).

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