

# 7 Kings – King David

*Acts 13:14-23 NIV (Paul and Barnabas -- His 1<sup>st</sup> Missionary Team) From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down. 15 After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak." 16 Standing up, Paul motioned (quiet) with his hand (history lesson) and said: "Fellow Israelites and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me! 17 The God of the people of Israel **chose our ancestors**; he made the people **prosper during their stay in Egypt**; with **mighty power he led them out** of that country; 18 for about **forty years** he endured their conduct in the **wilderness**; 19 and he overthrew seven nations in Canaan, giving their land to his people as their **inheritance**. 20 All this took about 450 years. "After this, **God gave them judges** until the time of Samuel the prophet. 21 Then **the people asked for a king**, and he gave them **Saul** son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, who ruled forty years. 22 After removing Saul, he made **David** their king. God testified concerning him: '**I have found David** son of Jesse, **a man after my own heart**; he will do **everything I want him to do**.' 23 "From this man's descendants God has brought to Israel the **Savior Jesus**, as he promised.*

## It's All About the Heart!

### **A Heart that Desires God.**

When Saul acted impulsively disregarding God's order, Samuel told him "... *now your kingdom will not last. The Lord has **searched for a man after his own heart**. The Lord has appointed him as ruler of his people, because you didn't follow the command of the Lord.*" (1Samuel 13:14 GWT)

*Psalms 42:1,2 NIV As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?*

*Psalms 73:25 NIV Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.*

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. – Ps. 37:4

### **A Heart that is Humble Before God.**

### **A Heart that is Courageous on Behalf of God.**

*1 Sam. 17:43-47 NIV He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!" 45 David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."*

*Ephesians 6:12 NLT For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.*

*Eph 6:13 NIV Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.*

### **A Heart that Knows How to Return to God.**

*Ps 51:1-3 NIV Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. **2** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. **3** For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.*

*Ps 51:10-12 ESV Create in me a **clean heart**, O God, And **renew a steadfast spirit** within me. **11** Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. **12** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation...*

*I love what David prayed in **Ps 51:13** when you create in me a clean heart, when you restore my joy, “Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.” (v. 13)*

### **A Heart that is Stays Focused on the Purposes of God.**

*Back to our original text: Acts 13:36 NIV “Now when David had **served God’s purpose in his own generation**, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.*

Let’s examine our hearts today.

- **Is it desiring God?**
- **Is it humble before the Lord?**
- **Is it standing in courageously in the face of danger?**
- **Does it need to return to God**
- **Is it focused on Purpose or just wandering through life?**