

A heart like David

## Context

- Apart from Jesus Christ, David is the next most mentioned person in the bible at 1,011 times.
- Saul had been anointed king because the people wanted one – the people's king.
- Samuel says to Saul “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 Sam 13:14

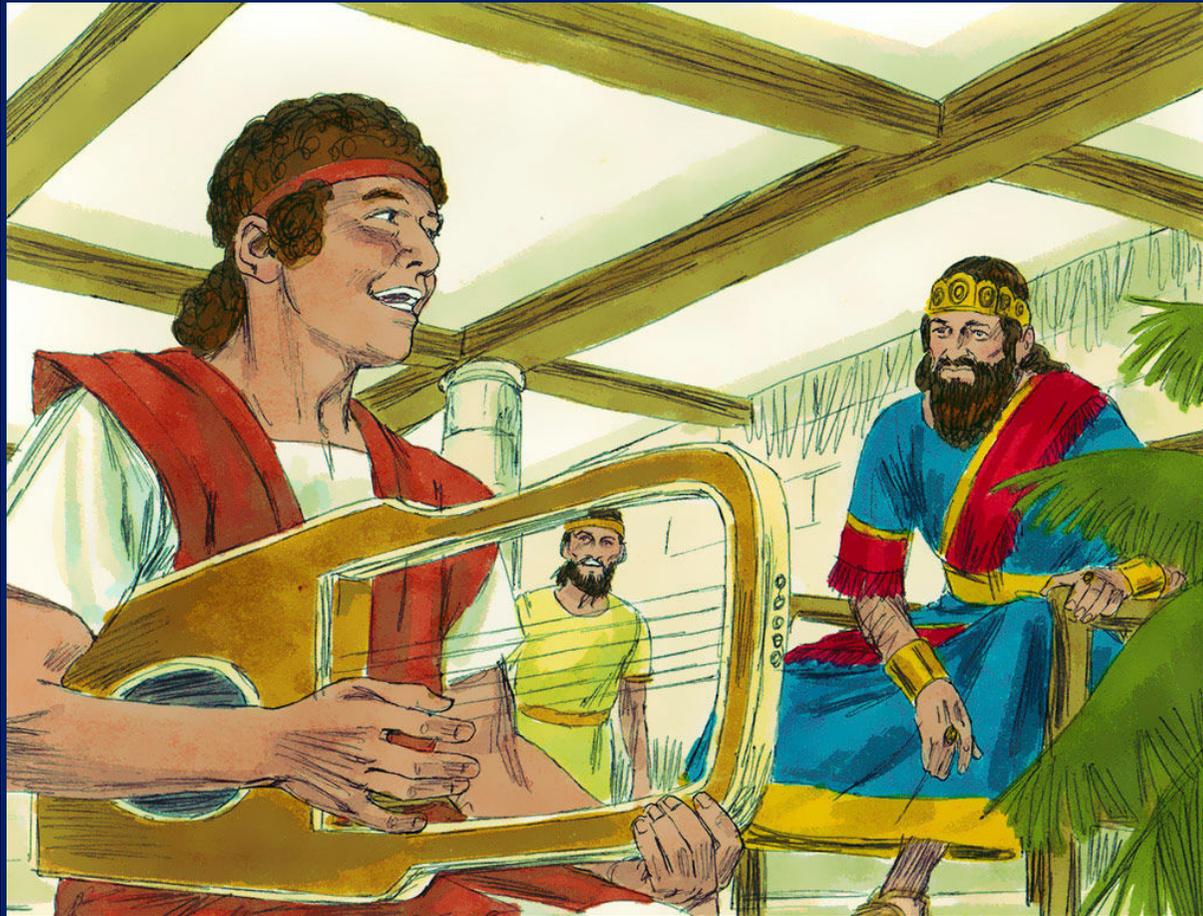
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- The youngest of 8 sons.
- Looked after the sheep.
- Samuel the prophet anoints David.
- The people's choice for king had failed not it was God's turn to pick the king.
- Spirit came upon him.

**What was it about David that drew God's attention and say "He is the one"?**

1 Sam 16: 23 Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.



- Loved by Saul
- Armour bearer for Saul – Saul's chief assistant in battle
- Ps 33:1-3

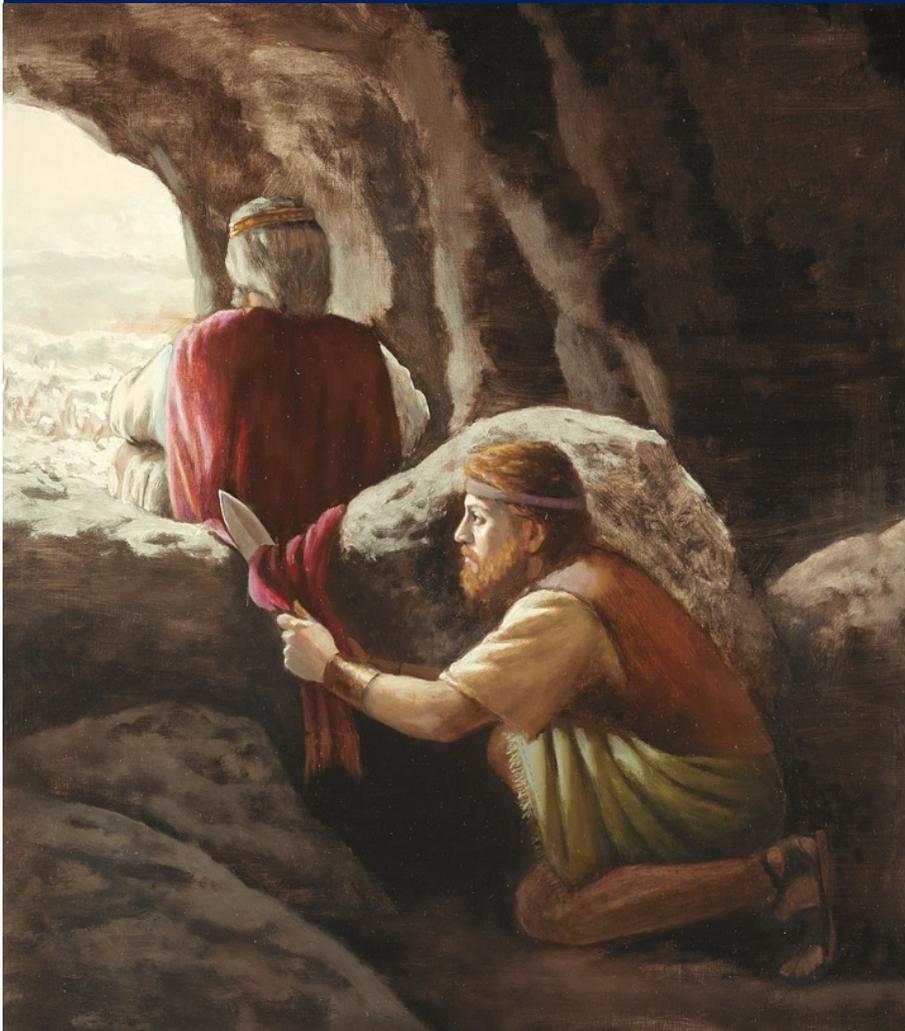
1 Sam 17:37 “The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

v 47 “...the battle is the LORD’s, and He will give you into our hands.”



- Sources say David was about 15 at this time.
- Bought food from Jesse to his brothers.
- David saw things from the LORD’s perspective, but the men of Israel saw things only from man’s perspective.

- David sets up camp in the caves of Adullam (means refuge).
- Ps 57 & 142 – psalms written by David while in the caves.
- Saul hunts David down with an army.
- David has 2 chances to kill Saul.



- David knows that Saul is the anointed king and does not kill/hurt the one who is seeking to kill him.
- Ps 18



- After a period of civil war, at the age of 30, David finally becomes king of a united Israel.
- David has 2 attempts to bring the ark into Jerusalem.
- David set aside his royal robes and “leapt and whirled before the Lord” in worship dressed like a priest.



**“Therefore I will play *music* before the LORD. And I will be even more undignified than this” 2 Sam 6:22**

## Psalm 51 (a psalm when Nathan came to David)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin..... Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.



## A heart like David:

1. Passionate – able to worship God
2. Seek out God in all things
3. Trust and confidence in who God is
4. Humility – knowing his place with the Mighty God
5. Able to repent and seek restoration with God
6. Thankfulness

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**David's heart was focused towards God and what God wanted him to do.**