

A Heart Seen By The LORD

1 Samuel 13:14 (ESV)

But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.”

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (ESV)

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.” 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.’ 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.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” 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. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is before him.” 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.” Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.” 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.” 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.” 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.

Heart = Lebab

Inner man, mind, will, soul, understanding, moral character

Jeremiah 17:9-10 (ESV)

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds."

Mark 7:21-23 (ESV)

For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

What kind of heart is God looking for?

Psalms 24:3-4a (ESV)

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart...

Are you willing to invite God to search your heart?

Psalms 139:23-24 (ESV)

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

Nothing reveals our hearts quite like a song

Psalms 28:7 (ESV)

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

7 songs that tell us what God is looking for in our hearts

From Moses – A Heart of Wisdom

Psalms 90:12 (ESV)

So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

From Asaph – A Meditative Heart

Psalm 77:6 (ESV)

I said, “Let me remember my song in the night; let me meditate in my heart.”
Then my spirit made a diligent search.

From David – A Courageous Heart

Psalm 31:24 (ESV)

Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!

A Poured Out Heart

Psalm 62:8 (ESV)

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge
for us. *Selah*

A Revived Heart

Psalm 69:32 (ESV)

When the humble see it they will be glad; you who seek God, let your hearts
revive.

A Thankful Heart

Psalm 86:11-12 (ESV)

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear
your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will
glorify your name forever.

From the sons of Korah – A Heart for the Way

Psalm 84:5 (ESV)

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to
Zion.

Will you ask God to give you a clean heart?

Psalms 51:10-12 (ESV)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

The promise of a new heart

Ezekiel 36:25-28 (ESV)

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

John 7:37-39 (ESV)

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.