

HEART OF DAVID

Drawing Strength from God

Looking for God's Favor

TAKEAWAY

We all care about what others think of us. When we obsess about what people think of us, we become directionless.

When we fixate on the favor of God, we live a life full of purpose and significance.

1 Samuel 2:35 [The LORD said to Eli the priest,] “I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind... NIV

1 Samuel 4:18 – Eli dies

1 Samuel 7 :2-3 – Samuel takes Eli’s place

1 Samuel 8:1 – Samuel grows old

1 Samuel 8 – The people of Israel ask for a king

1 Samuel 8:7-8 And the Lord told [Samuel]: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king... NIV

1 Samuel 9:2 Kish had a son named Saul, as handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel, and he was a head taller than anyone else. NIV

1 Samuel 10:6,9 [Samuel said to Saul,] “The Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person”... ⁹ As Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed Saul’s heart, and all these signs were fulfilled that day. NIV

1 Samuel 10:26 [After being made king,] Saul also went to his home in Gibeah, accompanied by valiant men whose hearts God had touched. NIV

1 Samuel 12:20 “Do not be afraid,” Samuel replied [to the people who had wrongfully asked for a king]. “You have done all this evil; yet do not turn away from the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart...”

²⁴ But be sure to fear the Lord and serve him faithfully with all your heart...” NIV

1 Samuel 13 - Saul makes a sacrifice instead of waiting for Samuel

1 Samuel 13:14 [Samuel said 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.” NIV

1 Kings 3:6 Solomon answered [the LORD], “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart...” NIV

Acts 13:22 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.’ NIV

1 Kings 15 Saul does not destroy the Amalekites

1 Samuel 15:22 But Samuel replied [to Saul]:

“Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord?

To obey is better than sacrifice,

and to heed is better than the fat of rams.” NIV

1 Samuel 15:28 Samuel [the prophet] said to [Saul], “The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to one of your neighbors—to one better than you.” NIV

1 Samuel 15:24 Then [King] Saul said to Samuel [the prophet], “I have sinned. I violated the Lord’s command and your instructions. I was afraid of the men and so I gave in to them.” NIV

1 Samuel 15:30 [King] Saul replied, “I have sinned. But please honor me before the elders of my people and before Israel; come back with me, so that I may worship the Lord your God.” NIV

1 Samuel 16:1 The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.” NIV

1 Samuel 16:7 But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider [David’s brother Eliab’s] appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” NIV

1 Samuel 16:11 So he asked Jesse [, David’s father], “Are these [seven] all the sons you have?”
“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”
Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.” NIV

1 Samuel 16:12-13a So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. NIV

1 Samuel 16:18 One of the servants answered [Saul], “I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the Lord is with him.” NIV

1 Samuel 16:21-22 David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers. ²² Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, “Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him.” NIV

1 Samuel 17:28 When Eliab, David’s oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, “Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle.” NIV

1 Samuel 17:29 “Now what have I done?” said David. “Can’t I even speak?” NIV

1 Samuel 17:33 Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against [Goliath] and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.” NIV

1 Samuel 17:42 [Goliath] looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. NIV

1 Samuel 17:55-56 As Saul watched David going out to meet [Goliath] the Philistine, he said to Abner, commander of the army, “Abner, whose son is that young man?”

Abner replied, “As surely as you live, Your Majesty, I don’t know.”

⁵⁶ The king said, “Find out whose son this young man is.” NIV

2 Chronicles 16:9 For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. You have done a foolish thing, and from now on you will be at war.” NIV