

Your Legacy?

1 Samuel 16:1-13 along with other Scriptures

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Introduction:

- Every father leaves a legacy. On Father's Day, we either remember the legacy our fathers have left us, or reflect upon the legacy they are making.
- What legacy will we leave to our children, grandchildren for generations to come? What spiritual impact will we have on their lives?
- The legacy of David?
 - The "sweet psalmist of Israel" —David's contribution to the worship in Israel.
 - The "mighty warrior-king" —and the lasting impact through the Davidic covenant of 2 Samuel 7
 - 2 Samuel 7:11b-16-- *"He will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He will build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he will be My son. If he commits iniquity I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But my mercy shall not depart from him as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."*

Your Legacy ? -- "A Heart After God's Own Heart?"

A. God's Assessment—David's Anointing 1 Samuel 16

- 1 Samuel 16:1-7-- *"Now the LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons.' And Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' But the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you should do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you.'* So Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' And he said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.' Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.'"
1. Man looks at the outward appearance
 2. God looks at the heart—looking for those whose hearts are after God's own heart.

B. Characteristics of a "Man after God's Heart"?

1. Enjoys a personal relationship with God through faith.
 - Psalm 23:1-6-- *"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name sake. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me; your rod and staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and love shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."*

2. **Exhibits a strong faith and trust in God—David and Goliath**
 - 1 Samuel 17:33-- *“And Saul said to David, ‘You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he is a man of war from his youth.’”*
 - 1 Samuel 17:36-37-- *“Your servant has killed both the lion and bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God.’ Moreover, David said, ‘The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.’”*
 - 1 Samuel 17:45-47-- *“You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword or spear; for the battle is the LORD’s, and He will give you into our hands.”*

3. **Obeys the Lord, even when difficult to do.** David spares Saul’s life, refuses to take vengeance or lift his hand against the Lord’s anointed.
 - 1 Samuel 18:8-- *“Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, ‘They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed only thousands. Now, what more can he have but the kingdom?’”*
 - 1 Samuel 24:5-6-- *“David’s heart troubled him because he had cut Saul’s robe. And he said to his men, ‘The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD’s anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD.’”*

4. **Acknowledges sin, asks for forgiveness, and seeks to grow thereby**
 - a. God’s assessment of David’s life and obedience
 - 1 Kings 15:3-- *“he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him; his heart was not loyal to the LORD his God, as was the heart of his father David.”*
 - 1 Kings 15:5-- *“Because David did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.”*

 - b. The Case of Uriah the Hittite—2 Samuel 11

 - c. David acknowledges his sin, asks for forgiveness after being confronted by Nathan the prophet.
 - Psalm 51:1-10-- *—“Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight—that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. Behold I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me. Behold You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden parts You will make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice. Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit with me.”*
 - Psalm 51:16-17-- *“You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would bring it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart—These, O God, You will not despise.”*