

# I WANT TO KNOW MY BIBLE

## After God's Own Heart

TEXT: 2 Sam 12:13

Introduction: We have read a great deal about David in the last several weeks. Do you remember why God selected David to be the king in place of Saul? Why did God chose him to be the king that would begin the line that would eventually lead to the reign of the Eternal King? We saw the answer in

1 Samuel 13:14 But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him *to be* commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

The answer is that God chose David because David was a man after God's own heart. So, what does that mean, and what does it say to us?

- **DAVID WAS A MAN OF COURAGEOUS FAITH.**
  - A. Remember David and Goliath.
  - B. Courageous faith causes people to risk all to follow and obey the Lord.
  
- **DAVID WAS A MAN WITH A HEART TO WORSHIP.**
  - A. A grateful heart.
  - B. A praise-filled heart.
  - C. A yearning for God.

While both of those qualities are an important part of David's character, I think there is a third dimension of the heart of David that is even more central to the reason why God described it as a heart like His own.

Our text this morning is 2 Samuel 12:13 So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

It is worthy of memorization.

**Why is confession and repentance a characteristic of a heart after God's own heart?**

God never needs to confess.

God never needs to repent.

So, why is confession and repentance a characteristic of a heart after God's own heart?

## **I. CONFESSION IS A CONSEQUENCE OF HONESTY.**

- A. Confession means agreeing with God.**
- B. God is truth.**
- C. We cannot agree with God and still hide amidst the lies.**
- D. If things are wrong in your relationship with the Lord, the beginning place is to get honest with God.**
- E. Confess the truth of what is going on.**

## **II. REPENTANCE IS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DIRECTION.**

- A. Repentance means a 180 degree turn.**
- B. It means heading in the opposite direction.**
- C. If you tell God you are sorry because you have committed some sin,**
  - 1. Yet you have not abandoned it,**
  - 2. You have not stopped it,**
  - 3. Then you have not repented.**
  - 4. You have not even confessed because you have not been honest with God.**

## **III. THE LORD'S SUPPER**

1 Corinthians 11:27–28 <sup>27</sup> Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

- A. None of us can ever be worthy of eating from this table,** but God does not tell us to be worthy.
- B. He does, however tell us to partake in a worthy manner,** not making a mockery of the broken body and shed blood of the Savior pictured in this ordinance. Listen
- C. God wants us to come to the table with a heart like David's.**
  - One of faith
  - One of repentance and confession of any known sin.