

After God's Own Heart

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Psalms 78:70-72, *"He chose his servant David, calling him from the sheep pens. ⁷¹ He took David from tending the ewes and lambs and made him the shepherd of Jacob's descendants—God's own people, Israel. ⁷² He cared for them with a true heart and led them with skillful hands."*

Acts 13:22, *"God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.'"*

2 Chronicles 16:9, *"The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him."*

1 Samuel 13:14, *"But now your kingdom must end, for the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart. The Lord has already appointed him to be the leader of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command."*

1 Samuel 13:8-14, *"Saul waited seven days for Samuel, as Samuel had instructed him, but he still didn't come. Saul realized that his troops were rapidly slipping away. ⁹ So he demanded, 'Bring me the burnt offering and the peace offerings!' And Saul sacrificed the burnt offering himself. ¹⁰ Just as Saul was finishing with the burnt offering, Samuel arrived. Saul went out to welcome him, ¹¹ but Samuel said, 'What is this you have done?' Saul replied, 'I saw my men scattering from me, and you didn't arrive when you said you would, and the Philistines are ready for battle. ¹² So I said, 'The Philistines are ready to march against us, and I haven't even asked for the Lord's help!' So I felt compelled to offer the burnt offering myself before you came.'" ¹³ "How foolish!" Samuel exclaimed. "You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you. Had you kept it, He would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. ¹⁴ But now your kingdom must end, for the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart."*

1 Samuel 17:37, *"The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!"*

1 Samuel 17:45, *"You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Heaven's Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied."*

Psalms 118:8, *"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in people."*