

The Heart of a Worshipper

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The Word tells us that King David was a man after God's own heart: I have found David son of Jesse, a **man after my own heart.** (Acts 13:22)

David had a strong zeal for the covenant of Abraham that it even drove him to kill a giant (Goliath) who had no respect for the God of Israel, and who was blaspheming and mocking the living God. (1 Samuel 17:23)

David was a worshiper of Jehovah, singing and playing to His glory when he was taking care of his father's sheep.

When he was invited to sing and play before King Saul, he did it with such a divine inspiration, that even the <u>evil spirits</u> <u>that were tormenting Saul had to flee</u>, because of the anointing that was upon the playing and the singing of David. (1 Samuel 16:14)

No only did David worship his God in singing and with playing, but <u>he also danced with all his might before the Lord</u>, because of his overwhelming love for the ark of the covenant that represented the very presence of God. (2 Samuel 6:14)

He respected King Saul as God's anointed, and did not take the opportunity to kill him when he had a chance, although King Saul was persecuting David and trying to kill him.

And although David fell in sin in a terrible way, he repented with all his heart and was restored by God. (Psalm 51)

No wonder Solomon felt like a little child who did not know how to go out or to come in (1 Kings 3:7) when he was to succeed his father, David.

When the Lord appeared to Salomon in a dream He said: Ask what I shall give thee.

Solomon answered the Lord and said: Give thy servant a hearing heart, so that I can discern between good and bad. (1 Kings 3:9)

The King James version says understanding heart, but it should be "hearing heart."

God answers: Because you have asked for thyself understanding to hear judgment, behold I have done according to thy words. (1 Kings 3:11-12)

Solomon asked God for a heart after God's heart. A heart of wisdom and understanding that was able to hear the voice of God and to know right from wrong when judging the people of God.

This type of unselfish prayer pleased God to the point that <u>he also gave Solomon all the other things that he had not asked for.</u>

Solomon was putting the Kingdom of God in first place and all the other things were added unto him. This is what Jesus told us to do in Matthew 6:33.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these thing shall be added unto you.

He was after the ability to hear and speak on God's behalf as an instrument of God. So can we as well, if we ask for the same thing with all our hearts.

For this is well pleasing unto the Lord, and this will bring us good success. (1 Samuel 3:10, Joshua 1:8)