

“David, Man After God’s Own Heart”

Dry Creek Bible Lessons

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The life of David is revealed in several places throughout the Scriptures. First and Second Samuel provide his historical record as a shepherd, musician, soldier, and king. His name is attached to nearly half of the Psalms, giving us a glimpse into his close connection with God. The New Testament refers back to him some 59 times, most notably as the ancestor of Jesus, the Son of David, the Son of God. But the two verses that perhaps best describe David are where he is called a man after God’s own heart (1 Sam. 13:14; Acts 13:22). That means that his heart was patterned after God’s. He had a lot of his Father in him.

David was the youngest of eight boys born to Jesse of Bethlehem. He was the great-grandson of Boaz and Ruth (Ruth 4:18-22) and the great-great grandson of Rahab (Matt. 1:5-6). His name means “beloved,” and he was certainly beloved of God. Not because he was “ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance” (1 Sam. 16:12) but because of the “integrity of his heart” (Psa. 78:72).

For our purposes this week, we will divide his life into these five sections:

- Monday: *The Making of A King: **David and His Youth*** (1 Sam. 16:1-13)
- Tuesday: *Heart vs. Height: **David and Goliath*** (1 Sam. 17)
- Wednesday: *A Servant’s Throne: **David and His Reign*** (2 Sam. 1, 2, 5)
- Thursday: *The Heart of Repentance: **David and Bathsheba*** (2 Sam. 11-12)
- Friday: *Sweet Singer of Israel: **David and the Psalms*** (Psa. 28)

May the Lord bless us in our study of His servant, David, and transform us into men and women after His own heart.

—Bubba Garner