

DAVID, A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Acts 13:14-22

INTRODUCTION:

- A. By invitation of synagogue rulers Paul addressed this audience
- B. He introduced his lesson by giving a brief history of Israel from the Exodus to the time of David
- C. Verse 22 "A man after mine own heart"
 - 1. Not spoken of whole life of David, for he did at times displease God 1Ki 15:5
 - 2. Spoken of David's character at the time he was chosen to succeed Saul
- D. During his reign he showed himself to be a man after God's own heart in many ways
- E. By observing some of David's characteristics we can be a person after God's own heart

DISCUSSION:

I. LOVED THE WORD OF GOD Psa 119:97

- A. The portion he had at that time and that revealed to him
 - 1. When we love something, do we not show it?
 - 2. David didn't read all the time - he had the duties of the king's office -- see Psa 1:1-3
 - 3. However, he put the word of God first in his life
- B. What do some put before the reading of Scriptures
 - 1. About everything: TV, Schoolwork, recreation, work
 - 2. Many can quote more sports facts than Bible
 - 3. Some put domestic duties first Lk 10:38-42

II. HID THE WORD OF GOD IN HIS HEART Psa 119:11

- A. Why? "That I might not sin against thee"
 - 1. Let word dwell in us richly Col 3:16
 - 2. Seed remain in you - don't sin 1Jhn 3:9
- B. Example of what the word hidden in our hearts will do
 - 1. Mind is like a computer -- stores information for use
 - 2. Hide Heb 10:25 - when tempted to miss service we will remember what it says
 - 3. Hide Col 4:6 - when tempted to gossip or use bad language we will remember what it says
 - 4. Word is a barrier to sin 1Jhn 3:9 - like the fence that keeps the cows out of the corn - we cannot sin unless the barrier is removed (word Lk 8:11)

III. CONFESSED HIS SINS Psa 51:3

- A. Didn't talk of others' sins or blame others
- B. "My sin is ever before me" 2Sam 11:2-15
 - 1. David did not say Bathsheba was at fault, although she may have been
 - 2. Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the Serpent, Saul blamed the people

C. Confess your faults Jas 5:16

D. be judged according to what we have done 2Cor 5:10

IV. LOVED TO PRAISE GOD Psa 139:14

- A. Do we praise God the same way David did?
 - 1. he used instruments, offered animal sacrifices, burned incense, etc See Col 2:14
 - 2. Must find authorization in N. T. 2Jhn 9
- B. His attitude in wanting to praise God is what we must imitate - he was king of great nation - yet praised God
- C. Why did he praise God? wonderfully and fearfully made
 - 1. Amazing human body - cause to praise God
 - 2. Can't do just anything with bodies 1Cor 6:19,20
 - 3. David recognized God as his creator
 - 4. Chemical value of the body about \$30 but look how we elevate ourselves like we were something special

V. WATCHED HIS TONGUE Psa 39:1

- A. How easy it is to lose control of the tongue Matt 12:34
 - 1. Tongue often tells what kind of person we are
 - 2. Doctor often looks at tongue to make diagnosis
 - 3. Jesus is listening to our tongue
- B. See James 3:2,8,13 and make application

VI. HATED EVERY FALSE WAY Psa 119:104

- A. Truth creates a dislike for error
 - 1. Through precepts we get understanding -Therefore
 - 2. When see word "therefore" go back and see what it is "there for"
- B. David hated sin - not the sinner: Every false way involves every way not according to truth
- C. Reason many embrace false ways is they don't get understanding from precepts of God Eph 3:4

VII. LOVED UNITY Psa 133:1

- A. Notice what David said about unity. IT IS:
 - 1. Both Good and Pleasant
 - 2. Some things good but not pleasant Ex. medicine
 - 3. Some things pleasant but not good
- B. One who loves unity works to keep unity Eph 4:3
- C. Jesus prayed for unity Jhn 17:20,21 Paul exhorted us to be united 1Cor 1:10

CONCLUSION:

- A. Things written aforetime; written for our learning Rom 15:4
- B. We can be a person after God's own heart if we will develop these characteristics which David possessed
- C. It involves obedience and steadfastness.