



1 Sam. 13:13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: **the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart**, and the LORD hath commanded him *to be* captain over his people, because thou hast not kept *that* which the LORD commanded thee.

Acts 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also **he gave testimony**, and said, I have found David the *son* of Jesse, **a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.**

We have observed many names and titles of the Lord Jesus as found throughout the Bible. This afternoon, we will observe in just two verses how *“the man after God’s own heart”* used eight different title in describing the LORD.

Psa. 18:1 **I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.**

2 The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

David was declared by God “to be a man after my own heart.” From Psalm 18 we will see how such a man would consider various titles about the Lord.

❖ The Psalmist begins by expressing his commitment to the LORD as His worshipper.

I. THE COMMITMENT OF THE WORSHIPPER. 18:1

Psa. 18:1 **I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.**

❖ Not only does David call the LORD “my strength,” but he also commits his love to the LORD.

- ❖ The Hebrew word translated “love” in 18:1 is expressed as a passionate hug, like a motherly hug or expression of parental kindness.

Original Word: רַחֵם **Transliteration:** racham

Definition: to love, have compassion

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- ❖ The expression “my strength” is the first use of a personal possession, “my,” that will include eight other uses of “my.”

II. THE CONTENTMENT OF THE WARRIOR

Psa. 18:2 The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, *and* my high tower.

❖ David, the warrior, expresses his confidence and contentment in the LORD.

The LORD *is* my rock = He is my protection.

Rom. 5:6 For when we were yet **without strength**, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Phil. 4:13 I can do all things through **Christ which strengtheneth me.**

The LORD *is...* my fortress = He is my defense.

2 Sam. 22:2; Psa. 31:3; Psa. 71:3; Psa. 91:2; Psa. 144:2

The LORD *is...* my deliverer = He is my Savior.

The LORD *is...* my God = He is my Creator, my Everything.

The LORD *is...* my strength, in whom I will trust =
He is on Whom I am dependent.

The LORD *is...* my buckler = He is my support, my shield.

The LORD *is...* the horn of my salvation = He is my exaltation of our relationship.

The LORD *is ...*my high tower. = He is the bastion of my defense, the elevation of assault.

Seven Characteristics of the Man After God's Own Heart:

1. David's Faith:

1 Sam. 17:45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but **I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts**, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle *is* the LORD'S, and he will give you into our hands.

2. David's Trust

1 Sam. 24:12 The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

13 As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

14 After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea.

15 The LORD therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of thine hand.

3. David's Love

Psa. 18:1 I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.

4. David's Humility

1 Sam. 18:23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you *a* light *thing* to be a king's son in law, seeing that I *am* a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

5. David's Integrity

2 Sam. 7:18 Then went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he said, Who *am* I, O Lord GOD? and what *is* my house, that thou hast brought me hitherto?

6. David's Forgiveness

Psalm 51

7. David's Worship

Psalm 32

Summary

- ❖ David, a man after God's own heart was expressive of his love for the LORD.
- ❖ David, a warrior, was expressive of his confidence and contentment in the Lord, even during the battles of life.

Conclusion

Psa. 32:1 Blessed *is he* whose transgression *is* forgiven, *whose* sin *is* covered.

2 Blessed *is* the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit *there is* no guile. ...

5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah. ...

7 Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah. ...

10 Many sorrows *shall be* to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.

11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all [ye that are] upright in heart.