

SESSION 6 David's Revelation of God Hearts (1 Sam. 16:7-11)

I. SAMUEL TEACHES DAVID HOW GOD VIEWS HIS PEOPLE

The LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance (externals: performance, accomplishments, skills, position, training, wealth, fame, opportunities, failure) or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart (movements of the heart: anointing of love)." (1 Sam. 16:7)

- A. God corrected the way Samuel viewed or evaluated (measured) people at the time when he was choosing the most important king in the OT (1 Sam. 16:4-11). God was revealing how He views and chooses His people. God's major revelation to Samuel is that the **LORD does not see as man sees** because man looks at the outward appearance (circumstances, etc.), whereas God looks at the movements of the heart. People most often measure themselves (and each other) by **positive externals** (performance, accomplishments, skills, position, training, wealth, fame, opportunities) while God measures by internals (intentions and movements of the heart toward God). Sometimes we look at ourselves (or others) through the **negative externals** (our lack of gifting, spiritual achievement or lack of current opportunity or position of honor) and wrongly conclude that we have no future importance in God's purpose.
- B. I have camped out on this verse because it has so many practical implications for David's paradigm of life – this changes so much. It is the way we measure or value our work and destiny and the very essence of our life. We all have a God-given longing for greatness. But how we define it and pursue it is one of the most foundational areas of life. An issue that many have the wrong paradigm for.
- C. revelation of faithfulness in very little things. in the most practical way – this was the foundation for the revelation of the glory, wisdom, goodness, and long-term fruitfulness of being faithful in very little things
- D.

the bigness of God's destiny for our lives is both individual and corporate. It is big corporately especially in generation that the Lord returns yet 99.9% of individuals now are only given very small by God. This is God's perfect and good will (Rom. 12:1-2). this is not negative at all but wise and good. This little seed entrusted to us will mostly be very little when measured individually in this age. How if we are faithful with that seed, it may become very large in Millennial Kingdom and beyond. This bigness now is mostly corporately with only a 1,000 Billy Graham in ministry, Bill Gates in business or senators in government. Jesus warned this group saying that many that are first in profile and accomplishment and position will be in fact be last be of the distractions and temptations that come with bigness. So much so that Jesus said it very hard for those who are "rich" or "first" (i.e., the rich man in position and profile whether ministry, business, government etc.) to enter the kingdom. 2 Cor. 12:9 is Gods answer to individual largeness now. David has this in his conflicts at every level. I will devote entire session describing David's conflict in spirit of 2 Cor. 12:9 God in mercy keeps it very small so we can be found faithful so the seed will show forth it increase in age-to-come. This is kind of God. David grasped this in 1 Sam. 16:7 which became the foundational revelation that launched the Davidic ministry and kingdom of which Mt. 13: is all about how smallness is esteemed and made large in God's way (meekness) and in God's time (after Second Coming)

there is essential continuity with our individual smallness now and corporate largness now and individual largness later. To understand this foundational revelation is to change our paradigm about smallness so that we can be found faithful now by embracing smallness with humility and rejoicing seeing the value of this holy dynamic seed entrusted to us by a wise and good God.

must distinguish issues of 1 Sam. 16:7 – spiritual success and natural success – now and then, corporate and individual – all different combinations must be thought through – this verse is essence of the motivation of the Kingdom of God Mt. 5-7 of which David is beginning of – thus 1 Sam. 16:7 is pointing to treasure of Mt. 5-7

Our treasure is heavenly – that is protected in the New Jerusalem which comes to earth
Our trust is in New Jerusalem and implicaitons of it coming to earth is vast
being in heaven – our assignment and office is rooted there where Millennial rebellion cannot touch it
But part of it is expressed on Millennial earth and New Earth in more substantial way

Wise are the people who understand this pilgramage and embrace it unto beginning found faithful unto increase in individual and corporate way after Jesus' return – as long as Jesus' return is not on earth this does not seem that real because something about being born of earth and having our inheritance on earth that resonates with our spirit

To miss this essential truth – God's paradigm of greatness and how it is measure, pursued (meekness now) and where is fully manifest (Mt. 5:5) on earth in Millennial Kingdom – the opposite of this is to have misguided sense of being in prison like Joseph and David waiting for our increase now with the prison being the pain and bitters of disappointment – this anguish is a prison of our making – root in pride and stife and now esteemed and rewarded by God at His coming – rather is helium high delusion that gets us off track for the glory of the sure greatness found in being faithful with the holy seed of being faithful with very little – the tortose and the hare – this race truly does not belong to the swift but to the steady who heart is set on the marathon pace of the pilgramage –

For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see The plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the LORD, Which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth." (Zech. 4:10)

In other words, smallness rejoiced in with servant spirit before the eye of the Lord is the key to building the Zech. 4 temple – it sithe story of Israel from Zerubbabel unto Millennial Kingdom. Israel is the case study for all individuals and corporate entities

to find David's paradigm is to even see his 40 kingship as not what he was after – David was after being great in his spirit now and in his function after Jesus' return –

Few men can have more than a little now without losing much later – my guess it that many who have more than a little now are testimonies of what not to do if only we knew the whole story

This whole line of thought is will be violent to natural mind – most of wchy is built on this natural mindset opposite of 1 Sam. 16:7 - Jesus said if My kingdom were of this world then we would fight now – this fighting of many in Western Christianity is proof of where their kindogn is – in this present age (verses on earth which is where Millennial Kingdom is)

The spiritual warfare movement must be centered of primary end times battle over Jerusalem. The battle of Armageddon is over Jerusalem. That is where Jesus is coming back; and why Jesus is coming back to rule the two Jerusalems at one with full unity of heaven and earth, Jews and Gentile, with continually in time and eternity with our faithfulness in small coming of full bloom and maturity of fruitfulness

The earth and all its fullness belongs to the Lord. Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things will be added to you. We get it all both earth and heaven – we do not want one without the other. many have unspoken hesitation about heaven because seems like floating around thus they cling to this life and their things unlike 1 Sam. 16:7 SOTM foundation and lifestyle

to make peace with smallness instead of despise it is when you use it as platform to build greatness by being faithful in the face of smallness instead of unfaithful in angry painful pursuit of the continually elusive greatness and bigness now

every song you sing and every chair you move and every toilet you clean with spirit of faith and devotion or in Jesus name not just doing to pass time because no other option or else you lose place on the team or in the ministry – that part is lost – but that which is done is Jesus' name or with faith and awareness of him

Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. 23 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality. (Col. 3:22-25)

Y to SOTM is 1 Sam. 16:7

E. Ps. 84: calls it the pilgrimage with our heart set on God

How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts! 2 My soul longs, yes, even faints For the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. 3 Even the sparrow has found a home....Even Your altars, O LORD of hosts, My King and my God. 4 Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; They will still be praising You. Selah 5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage. 6 As they pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools. 7 They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion. 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah (Ps. 84:1-8)

F. **Leadership Lesson:** we must not determine our purpose (nor others) in God by the same externals (*performance, accomplishments, skills, position, training, wealth, fame, opportunities*) that others have. Nor should we give up (on ourselves or others) because we lack opportunity or present victory in a certain area of our lives. God sees the movements of our heart much more than our present achievements, opportunities or failures.

G. David's foundational understanding about God's heart was formed by the truth God reveal to Samuel when God chose him over his brothers. Samuel taught him new things about God that formed David's understanding of God and himself in the grace of God. This was just the beginning for David, who would receive significant new divine information about God. David was the first in Scripture to receive such a measure of the beauty of God's emotional makeup, especially His desire for His people. David had unusual revelation of being delighted in by God.

That Your beloved may be delivered...hear me. (Ps 60:5)

Keep me as the apple of Your eye (Ps 17:8)

He delivered me because He delighted in me. (Ps. 18:19)

Your gentleness has made me great (mighty in spirit in fear of God). (Ps. 18:35)

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? 4 But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared (place of our greatness). (Ps. 130:3-4)

As for the saints ..., "they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight." (Ps. 16:3)

- H. *David's confidence in love before God* – enjoying intimacy requires living in the reality of our “belovedness” before God and the fact that we are genuinely authentic lovers of God. A believer confident in love before God will be more persistent than others living under condemnation.

II. REBELLION IS NOT THE SAME AS IMMATURITY

- A. *David was a graphic picture of one with spiritual immaturity yet sincere desire and intention to obey. God saw David's love as beautiful, lovely as delightful not false and hypocritical. **David understood that God delighted in him even in his weakness** (immaturity). When David stumbled in sin, he rose up in sincere repentance instead of “camping out” in his sin for a season, making it a part of his lifestyle of compromise. David had a sincere “yes” in his spirit.*
- B. Rebellion and immaturity may outwardly look the same, but the heart is very different. God sees the heart. It is a destructive deception to write ourselves off as rebellious if, in fact, we are instead spiritually immature. The illustration of clean and unclean animals is useful in understanding this difference – both sheep and the swine become stuck in mud.
- C. ***Principle:** struggling in weakness is not the same thing as being a hopeless hypocrite. The fact that we are weak does not mean we are not authentic lovers of God. **Immature love for Jesus is not false love. Our love of God is genuine long before it matures.** The traditional definition of a hypocrite is somebody who says one thing and does another, instead of somebody who says one thing, but does not pursue it. A genuine lover of God does not attain everything they aim at. However, they continue to pursue it sincerely, diligently and even at great cost.*
- D. ***Spiritual identity:** our core identity as born-again believers is as genuine lovers of God. **Question:** Are you a slave of sin who struggles to love God or are you a lover of God who struggles with sin? We must present ourselves to God by defining ourselves as lovers of God and not by our struggle. We do not define ourselves by our struggle. Yes, we acknowledge struggle. We define ourselves as a genuine lover of God who struggles. To miss this is to have our hearts locked in our pursuit of intimacy with God. We are not defined by our struggle.*
- E. *A sincere spirit of repentance is seen in those who:*
1. ***Admits sin:** instead of rationalizing it – defining sinful behavior in a truthful way*

2. **Takes responsibility for sin:** instead of blame-shifting it – seeing others as more responsible for it (Gen. 3:12)
 3. **Takes sin serious:** instead of being causal about it – not dealing with it in a strong way
- F. Three responses to sin in the Church today are: **Response #1, Sin is not important** – compromise of the liberal. In other words, God understands and overlooks sin without disciplining the one who sins. **Response #2, Sin is the most important** reality about you – legalism. In other words, sin is **too important** in that your sin defines you more than God's grace because it is more powerful before God. **Response #3, Sin is serious but if repented of it is forgiven and thus not as powerful** as God's grace.
- G. Rebellion exists in a defiant heart that simply says “no” to God's commands. When they sin, they do not immediately plan ways to obey God but rather to continue in sin.
- Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God (Eph. 4:30)**
- Do not quench the Spirit. (1 Thes. 5:19)**
- Samuel said: "...Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice...23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king." (1 Sam. 15:22-23)**
- H. Why did God treat David so differently than Saul ? **When David sinned his heart was wounded because he knew that he grieved God's heart.** Therefore, David sincerely repented. When Saul sinned he planned to continue in it until caught and confronted and then he only gave an outward show of repentance. Saul was formally rejected from his position of king in 1 Sam. 15:28-30. Samuel describes Saul's heart of rebellion (1 Sam. 15:22-23). This is important in understanding the distressing spirit that came on Saul later (1 Sam. 16:15). Saul's heart is defined by the Lord as rebellious not simply immature. Saul's root problem was rebellion, which operates in the spirit of witchcraft. Why? Witchcraft agrees with darkness and not God.
- I. David experienced God's discipline because of sin that occurred related to his immaturity (weakness). God's discipline (correction) is not rejection but an expression of His delight for us.
- Whom the LORD loves He corrects, just as a father the son in whom he delights. (Prov. 3:12)**

III. PRINCIPLES GOD REVEALED TO DAVID THROUGH SAMUEL.

For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart (movements of the heart). (1 Sam. 16:7)

- A. **Principle:** God chooses people according to their heart. God evaluates them according to the desires of their heart, not what they achieve externally or what gifts they have. The Lord doesn't see as man sees. David wrote many psalms flowing out this principle. God does not evaluate the human heart as we naturally do.

I am my Beloved's, and His desire is toward me. (Song 7:10)

- B. In Song 4:1-5, the Lord called forth the budding virtues in the immature Bride. The Lord saw the budding beauty in David's life and identified him as a man after His own heart, thus calling forth those qualities into fullness and maturity. The Lord sees the embryonic desires in us and calls them lovely, as He delights in us just as He did David. **As a result, David walked in gratitude which is the power of love.** God sees the genuineness of our sincere intentions that are yet not matured. We often do not see them in our hearts; therefore, we don't easily identify them in others. Most view themselves through accusation and condemnation, which chokes our hearts. Confidence in God's mercy – in failure and weakness (Ps. 32; 38; 51; 69)

I have trusted in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. (Ps. 13:5)

- C. David's confidence in God's mercy was especially seen in his Ziklag years (1 Sam. 27-30) and then, in his failure in committing adultery with Bathsheba and murdering Uriah (2 Sam. 11-12), leading unto the time of the civil war in Israel (2 Sam. 15-20). **Leadership Lesson:** Even in David's weakness, he pressed in as a genuine worshiper instead of putting himself on a self-determined religious time of "probation." When God shows us what we look like to Him, it makes us feel secure and grateful.

- D. Most are called to be faithful in a few things in this age and then in many things in the age-to-come. If we derive our spiritual identity by how much we are over now, we get distracted.

Well done...you were faithful in a very little, have authority over 10 cities. (Lk. 19:17)

Well done...you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many. (Mt. 25:21)

- E. **Principle:** David saw himself and, therefore, others by this new paradigm of grace. David interpreted weakness in those who were God's beloved in the light in which he saw himself.

As for the saints ..., "they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight." (Ps. 16:3)

Judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God. (1 Cor. 4:5)

1. Mere men are people whose only identity is in their natural destiny and abilities.

Are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? (1 Cor. 3:3)

2. We are those with a spiritual identity rooted in being the righteousness of Christ

We regard no one according to the flesh....(2 Cor. 5:16)

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new...²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Cor. 5:17, 21)

- F. ***Principle:*** David is chosen for God's pleasure. God has desire and emotion invested in His people and their roles. Jesus is not just looking for positions to fill, but He is emotionally involved at many levels in choosing His people. David saw himself as a king for God's pleasure and purpose. The Davidic anointing is on those who get lost in God's desire for them.

I have provided "for Myself" a king... 3...anoint "for Me" (1 Sam. 16:1-3)

The LORD has sought for Himself a man (1 Sam. 13:14)

Know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly (Ps. 4:3)

I am my Beloved's, and His desire is toward me. (Song 7:10)

- G. ***Principle:*** God called David to get lost in God's pleasure (of being loved and loving God).

You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. (Ps. 36:8)

In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. (Ps. 16:11)

- H. ***Principle:*** God chooses people that others reject. David was rejected by his family as one who had not accomplished anything in natural ways. However, he did accomplish one thing in that he developed a heart full of love for God. David's family had contempt for him as seen in not inviting him to the dinner with Samuel (1 Sam. 16:11). They could only see a shepherd boy in David. This was true of Saul initially (1 Sam. 16:19). What God saw about David (several years earlier) was that he was a man with a heart after God, but his family could not see this. Eliab rebuked David for pride then adds, "you have a few little sheep under your care back home." (1 Sam. 17:28). None of his brothers went to Adullam, nor were they in his government, nor one of David's mighty men (2 Sam. 23).

Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." (1 Sam. 16:11)

Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke...and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart..." (1 Sam. 17:28)

Saul sent messengers..., "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." (1 Sam. 16:19)

Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; shame has covered my face. 8 I have become a stranger to my brothers, and an alien to my mother's children; 9 Because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me. 10 When I wept and chastened my soul with fasting, that became my reproach. 11 I also made sackcloth

my garment; I became a byword to them. 12 Those who sit in the gate speak against me, and I am the song of the drunkards. (Ps. 69:7-12)

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take care of me. (Ps. 27:10)

David...said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and mother come here with you, till I know what God will do for me." 4 So he brought them before the king of Moab, and they dwelt with him all the time that David was in the stronghold. (1 Sam. 22:3-4)

My loved ones and my friends stand aloof...my relatives stand afar off. (Ps. 38:11)

I am a reproach...especially among my neighbors, and am repulsive to my acquaintances; those who see me outside flee from me. 12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am like a broken vessel. 13 For I hear the slander of many... (Ps. 31:11-13)

I. David felt like God's favorite. We are all God's favorites based on Jesus' declarations to us.

"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. (Jn. 15:9)

IV. THE IMPACT OF THIS REVELATION ON DAVID

Now David assembled at Jerusalem all the leaders of Israel: the officers of the tribes and the captains of the divisions who served the king, the captains over thousands and captains over hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons, with the officials, the valiant men, and all the mighty men of valor. 2 Then King David rose to his feet and said, "Hear me, my brethren and my people: I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made preparations to build it. 3 But God said to me, 'You shall not build a house for My name, because you have been a man of war and have shed blood.' 4 "However the LORD God of Israel chose me above all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever, for He has chosen Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father, and among the sons of my father, He was pleased with me to make me king over all Israel. 5 And of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons) He has chosen my son Solomon to sit on the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. 6 Now He said to me, 'It is your son Solomon who shall build My house and My courts; for I have chosen him to be My son, and I will be his Father. 7 Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever, if he is steadfast to observe My commandments and My judgments, as it is this day.' 8 "Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the assembly of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, be careful to seek out all the commandments of the LORD your God, that you may possess this good land, and leave it as an inheritance for your children after you forever. (1 Chr. 28:1-8)