*Psalm Series, message # 1*

A Man After My Own Heart

**1 Samuel 16-17**

Since David wrote at least 75 of the 150 psalms, it seems vital to understand his life, as we begin this study. He is best known as the 2nd king of Israel; when Saul disobeyed the word of the Lord and was rejected, Samuel said: “the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader.” 1 Sam. 13:14

When Samuel went to Bethlehem to annoint the new king, the Lord said: “Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Sam. 16:7

What an amazing compliment. Can you imagine higher praise, than for God to say of you: “this is a person whose heart resembles my own”?

So let’s examine David’s life, and see what that looks like.

Background of simplicity 1 Sam. 16:1, 11

Not willing to abuse power 1 Sam. 24, 26

Worshipper 2 Sam. 7:2

Faithful 2 Sam. 9

Sinner 2 Sam. 11, 24

Brave warrior 1 Sam. 17

Poet and composer 1 Sam. 16, Psalms

Fulfilled God’s purpose Acts 13:36

Humble 2 Sam. 12:13, 24:10

Does this seem like the quality of life, that is adequate to lead us in prayer to, and worship of the holy God? Do these attirbutes describe your life?

Prayer: Lord, let me live so that you can say of me: He/she is one who follows after my own heart. Amen.