

A People After God's Own Heart!

NIV 1 Samuel 13:14 But now (Saul) your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command."

KJV Jeremiah 3:15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

A leader after God's own heart is ineffective without a people after God's own heart!

➤ God chooses and uses people who have His heart!

NIV Genesis 50:16-20 So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died:

17 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

18 His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.

19 But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?"

20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Joseph's heart was tender, it remained open and accessible to God even during his trial and tribulations—Joseph's heart never hardened toward people!

Joseph had a heart like God!

KJV Psalm 30:4-5 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

5 For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

God gets angry with us His children, but doesn't stay angry!

If we're going to have a heart like God we must do the same!

His heart is so full of love He can **only** remain angry for a **moment!**

Moment is "*that which causes movement*"! In this case it's unrighteous behavior that causes God to move!

What part of God moves? It's not His place in our lives—but He will at times move His eyes away or at worst His entire face!

ESV Habakkuk 1:13 You who are of purer eyes than to see evil and cannot look at wrong,

Look upon here means “**to watch continually with regard**”!

You see whatever we constantly and continually look at we **regard** or consider **important and respect!**

KJV Genesis 6:5 And GOD saw (observed & inspect) that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

God **inspected** mankind and had to destroy them because **He couldn't respect their behavior.**

KJV Genesis 6:8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

But when He looked at Noah God saw righteousness and it pleased God!

It was easy to look at Noah with **respect** because he was righteous!

KJV Psalm 34:15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

God's **face and favor** is on the righteous and always hears our prayers.

But His presence (**power**) **opposes and is hostile** to those who do evil!

When it comes to God's children it can be described as how a mother changes the look on her face or cuts her eyes when a child is acting up!

It's a quick change in the eyes! This is what **moment** means it's a **quick movement of the eyes!**

When we live sensitive to the presence of God we can tell when He cuts His eyes at our unrighteous behavior!

When we change or repent it shows we have His heart and His displeasure is just for a moment and we go on experiencing His favor on our lives!

When we are quick to repent it proves we are sensitive to the things God of God!

That we love what God loves and hate what God hates!

NIV Proverbs 6:16-19 There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him:

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil,

19 a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.

On the other hand God loves:

God loves the world. **John 3:16**

God loves a cheerful giver. **2 Cor 9:7**

God loves justice. **Ps 37:28**

God loves the righteous **Ps 146:8**

God loves those who walk by faith. **Heb 11:6**

KJV 2 Chronicles 16:9 For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.

God gives strong support to those whose hearts are completely given to Him and His Word!