52 Days of Building a Second Wall with the Word and Wisdom

**Keys to God’s Heart**

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King David was called **a man after God’s own heart**. Was he perfect all the days of his life? NO, but God still considered him to be a man after His heart. That means that David knew God’s heart and knew what it took to stay right with God.

God asked Samuel to raise up David to be king after He removed Saul. From the **beginning** of our acquaintance with David, God considered him to be a man after His heart.

**Acts 13:22** "After He had removed him (Saul), He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, **a man after My heart, who will do all My will**.'”

Towards the **end** of his life, God praised David for doing right in His sight and promised great blessings to his son, Solomon.

**1 Kings 15:5 “…**David did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the case of Uriah the Hittite.”

**We know David’s life was not perfect, because his failures were written in God’s Word for all to see and be encouraged. Why can we be encouraged by his failures? Even with his great sins, God always considered David to be a man after His own heart. When we study the words of King David, we can learn the keys to living our lives as men and women after God’s heart.**

**Please read Psalm 119:73 – 104**. As you read this week’s passage, make note of the many times **David is crying out to the Lord for help**. Sometimes he is confused and is asking the Lord for understanding and wisdom, sometimes he is overwhelmed by the trials of his life and needs God’s comfort, sometimes his enemies are closing in on him and he is asking for help and justice, and sometimes He is confessing his sins and asking God to forgive him. **All of these are keys to God’s heart.**

**Seeking God for Wisdom and Understanding:**

**Psalm 119:73** “Your hands made me and fashioned me; **give me understanding**, that I may **learn** Your commandments.”

**A key to obtaining the wisdom of God is to genuinely worship the Lord,** praising Him and acknowledging that He is the only One who has the answers to all of life’s questions.

**Psalm 119:89 -91** “Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands. They stand this day according to Your ordinances, for all things are Your servants.

Do we just ask for wisdom and understanding, and then we are wise? No, it’s not that easy. We must learn God’s Word, which means we are to **study it and then** **walk it out in obedience**. That makes us wise!

**Psalm 119:97- 100** “O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your **commandments make me wiser** than my enemies, for they are ever mine. I have more insight than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation. **I understand more than the aged, because I have observed Your precepts.”**

**Psalm 119:103- 104** “How sweet are Your words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth! **From Your precepts I get understanding**; therefore I hate every false way.”

**Seeking His Comfort in our Trials:**

**Psalm 119:76, 82** “O may Your lovingkindness comfort me, according to Your word to Your servant.” “My eyes fail with longing for Your word, while I say, ‘When will You comfort me?’”

We have talked about this key the last few days. When we are going through hard times of testings and trails, we must not seek the comforts of this world, because they will not satisfy us. Only God can offer us the comfort we need.

**Seeking Justice Only from God:**

**Psalm 119:81** “My soul languishes for Your salvation (rescue); I wait for Your word.”

We all have natural and spiritual enemies (our flesh, the world, and the devil). As our enemies come against us, instead of lashing out and fighting them in our strength and wisdom, we must **ask God to intervene**. In the asking, comes a **waiting**. This is hard because we don’t like to wait. We want instant relief from whatever is wrong. In the waiting God is doing great things; primarily building our trust and reliance in Him.

Notice in the verses in our section of Psalm 119, that every time David is talking about his enemies, he also talks about God’s Word. **When he is under attack, he goes to the Word of God and is strengthened.**

**Psalm 119:78-79** “May the arrogant be ashamed, for they subvert me with a lie; but **I shall meditate on Your precepts.** May those who fear You turn to me, even those who know Your **testimonies**.”

**Psalm 119:84-87** “How many are the days of Your servant? When will You execute **judgment** on those who persecute me? The arrogant have dug pits for me, men who are not **in accord with Your law.** All Your **commandments** are faithful; they have persecuted me with a lie; help me! They almost destroyed me on earth, but as for me, **I did not forsake Your precepts.”**

**Psalm 119:92-95** “If **Your law had not been my delight**, then I would have perished in my affliction. **I will never forget Your precepts, for by them You have revived me**. I am Yours, save me; for **I have sought Your precepts**. The wicked wait for me to destroy me; I shall diligently consider Your **testimonies**.”

**Offering God Repentance when we sin:**

**Let’s look at 1 Kings 15:5 again.**

 **“…**David did what was right in the sight of the LORD, and had not turned aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except in the case (matter) of Uriah the Hittite.”

In our minds, David’s dealings with Uriah were no little matter. He committed adultery, lying, and murder. Yet, God could still say, “David did what was right in My sight”. How is this possible? Through probably **the most powerful key to God’s heart - repentance.**

David was a humble man, who would admit his sins and ask for the Lord to forgive Him. He did not spend his time making excuses or falling into condemnation. He would confess his sins before God and man; he would repent (turn from his sins) and ask for the Lord to forgive him. He would then ask the Lord to cleanse his heart, and bring restoration to their relationship.

**Psalm 119:75** “I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are righteous, And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.”

**Psalm 119:88** “Revive (restore) me according to Your lovingkindness, So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.”

**Psalm 119:101-102** “I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep Your word. I have not turned aside from Your ordinances, for You Yourself have taught me.”

When you find yourself in sin, please go directly to Psalm 103 and remember God’s promises for all who repent. And then REPENT and be restored!

**Psalm 103:8-13** “The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has **He removed our transgressions from us**. Just as a father has compassion on his children, so **the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him**.”

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

**Please read Psalm 51**. David wrote these powerful words of his repentance and God’s forgiveness after the “matter” of Uriah. Please study this section; there are many treasures here about this powerful key to God’s heart.