

## “THROUGH THE BIBLE”

Union Chapel M.B. Church

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### “God Trains David In Wisdom”-Part 1, January 18, 2023

*(God’s Covenant Series-Selected Scriptures 1 Samuel/2 Samuel)*

1 Samuel 17 is one of the most familiar chapters in the Bible. It contains the episode of David, and Israel’s enemy Goliath and the hostile Philistines. The chapter reveals human bravery. Not only that, the chapter tells that even as a young boy David had a *“heart”* for God. A man with remarkable sensitivity.

#### I. Why Study David?

- a. David’s life is a story of transitions. A divinely appointed King whose essential loyalty to God lies at the heart of the story.
- b. God’s covenants with David and his family line will endure forever (2 Samuel 7:25-29). This **covenant** (*Davidic*) will become a central feature in much of God’s history story (*Genesis 3:15 revelation*)).
- c. David is to be God’s **earthly** representative (in his kingship over Israel, displaying God’s character and faithfulness. He is not to **think like** other kings- “that he is above the law” and can act autonomously (independently), of God’s leadership.
- d. David’s role is to lead God’s people in *obedience* to God.
- e. To study the facts of the story of how David’s **sin and evil** was let loose in the kingdom (2 Samuel 11-20).
- f. **To recall sub-plots** from the Book of Genesis: (1) “the barren -woman motif” that begins the story of Samuel (1 Samuel 8-20). Also (2) God’s choice and selection of David (“the lesser brother”) to accomplish his **covenant** purposes (1 Samuel 16:4-14).
- g. To discover a scriptural truth, “...the LORD looks at the heart...” (1 Samuel 16:7). David never stubbornly refused to do God’s will (Contrast: *Egypt’s Pharaoh had a negative heart pattern Exo.10:3*). Exodus 7:22). His life is reflected as a “man of faith” and a “man of weakness”, who when confronted with his sin, *repents* by means of prayer and sacrifice. This was his **heart**, (*repentant*), mind, character, will, understanding, inner self, and courage.

***Q: WHAT SPIRITUAL CONDITION (SHAPE, STATE, ORDER, PROBLEMS, DISORDER, NEGATIVE) IS MY HEART IN?***