



A MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART

God Uses Flawed People Who Love and Trust Him!

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Acts 13 ²² "After He had removed him, 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.'** ²³ **"From the descendants of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus,** NASU

Romans 5 ¹⁷ For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will **those who receive [God's] overflowing grace** (unmerited favor) **and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).** AMP

1 Samuel 16 ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. **People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**" NLT

2 Chronicles 16 ⁹ The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order **to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.**" NLT

Psalms 51 ¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.** NLT

2 Chronicles 7 ¹⁴ Then if my people who are called by my name will **humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.** NLT

Proverbs 16 ⁷ **When a man's ways are pleasing to the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.** NASU

Jeremiah 29 ¹⁰ "For thus says the Lord, **'When seventy years have been completed for Babylon, I will visit you and fulfill My good word to you,** to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ **'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.** ¹² 'Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ 'You will seek Me and find Me **when you search for Me with all your heart.** ¹⁴ 'I will be found by you,' declares the Lord, 'and **I will restore your fortunes** and will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you,' declares the Lord, 'and **I will bring you back to the place from where I sent you into exile.'** NASU

Proverbs 21 ¹ **It's as easy for God to steer a king's heart for his purposes as it is for him to direct the course of a stream.** TPT

Ezra 1 ¹ Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing, saying: ² "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. ³ 'Whoever there is among you of all His people, may his God be with him! Let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel; He is the God who is in Jerusalem. ⁴ 'Every survivor, at whatever place he may live, let the men of that place support him with silver and gold, with goods and cattle, together with a freewill offering for the house of God which is in Jerusalem.'" ⁵ Then the heads of fathers' households of Judah and Benjamin and the priests and the Levites arose, even everyone whose spirit God had stirred to go up and rebuild the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem. ⁶ All those about them encouraged them with articles of silver, with gold, with goods, with cattle and with valuables, aside from all that was given as a freewill offering. ⁷ Also King Cyrus brought out the articles of the house of the Lord, which Nebuchadnezzar had carried away from Jerusalem and put in the house of his gods; ⁸ and Cyrus, king of Persia, had them brought out by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and he counted them out to Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah. NASU

Ezra 5 ¹³ 'However, in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, King Cyrus issued a decree to rebuild this house of God. NASU

Isaiah 44 ²⁸ "It is I who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd! And he will perform all My desire.' And he declares of Jerusalem, 'She will be built,' And of the temple, 'Your foundation will be laid.'" NASU

Isaiah 45 ¹ Thus says the Lord to Cyrus His anointed, Whom I have taken by the right hand, To subdue nations before him And to loose the loins of kings; To open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: ² "I will go before you and make the rough places smooth; I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars. ³ "I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden wealth of secret places, So that you may know that it is I, The Lord, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name. ⁴ "For the sake of Jacob My servant, And Israel My chosen one, I have also called you by your name; I have given you a title of honor Though you have not known Me. NASU

Hebrews 11 ¹ Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]. ² For by [faith—trust and holy fervor born of faith] the men of old had divine testimony borne to them *and* obtained a good report. AMPC

Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Samson

Hebrews 11 ³⁹ And all of these, though they won divine approval by [means of] their faith, did not receive the fulfillment of what was promised, ⁴⁰ Because God had us in mind *and* had something better *and* greater in view for us, so that they [these heroes and heroines of faith] should not come to perfection apart from us [before we could join them]. AMPC