

## **THE BELIEVER AFTER GOD'S HEART**

The Lord instructed Samuel twice on the importance of selecting a king that was a Believer After God's Heart, rather than one having an outward religious appearance (**1 Sam.13:14 and 16:7**).

**Samuel about a new king:** "The Lord has sought out for Himself a man **after His own heart**." (1 Sam.13:14)

(1 Sam.16:7) "But the **Lord said to Samuel**, 'Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for **God sees not as man sees**, for man looks at the outward appearance, but **the Lord looks at the heart**.'"

**Paul about David:** "After He had removed him (Saul), He raised up David to be the king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a **man after My heart, who will do My will**.' From the offspring of this man, according to promise, God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus." (**Act 13:22-23**; John 1:11-13)

The Lord measures the believer by the content and character of the Divine Viewpoint of the Word of God working in his/ her life.

(1 Pet.3:4) "But let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentile and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God."

<b>This lesson will study <u>three aspects</u> of a Believer After God's Heart.</b>
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**NOTE:** "The nephesh (soul) is the soul in the sum of its totality, whereas the leb (heart) is the soul in its inner man." (Theological Dictionary of N.T, Vol.9; pg.626)

**What the soul is to the body, the heart is to the soul.**

**1. God created the human soul with five apparatuses (Ps.16:9-10; Acts 2:31; 13:34-35).**

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| • <b>Self-consciousness</b> | Self, others, and God | (Rom.1:21-22)             |
| • <b>Conscience</b>         | Norms and standards   | (2 Cor.1:12; Rom.2:14-15) |

Left lobe [mind] (nous) of perception – **Mentality** – Right lobe [heart] (kardia) of comprehension  
(Ps.33:15; Rev.2:23)

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| • <b>Volition</b> | Free will of choices      |
| • <b>Emotion</b>  | Appreciator and responder |

(Matt.6:21) "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 2:19)

**2. We will focus on the five tablets of the heart.**

(2 Cor.3:3) "Being manifested that you are a letter of Christ, cared for by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone **but on the tablets of human hearts**." (Prov.7:3)

(Ps.33:15) "**He who fashions the hearts** of them all, He who understands all their works."

- **Long and short-term memory**
  - Retention (1 Cor.11:25)
- **Frame of reference**
  - Categorical processing/ teach and recall (John14:26)
- **Vocabulary**
  - Language, alphabet, words, communication
- **Core beliefs**
  - **New Man Divine Viewpoint** (NMDV) divine truth (John 8:32)
  - **Old Man Cosmos Diabolicus** (OMCD) worldly thinking / lies (John 8:44; Mark 7:21-23)
    - Inter-dialogue - “Do not say in your heart.” (Deut.9:4a)
    - Conformation verses transformation – integrity (Rom.12:2) (Gen.20:5-6)
- **Spiritual I.Q**
  - Spiritual growth enlightenment (2 Pet.3:18; Eph.1:18)

(Ps.44:21b) “He knows the secrets of the heart.”

(Eph.1:18) “I pray that the **eyes of your heart** may be **enlightened**, so that you will **know what is** the hope of His calling, **what are** the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.” (John 12:40; Rom.10:10)

(2 Cor.4:6) “For God, who said, ‘Light shall shine out of darkness,’ is the **One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.**” (Acts 26:18; 2Cor.4:3-4; Eph.5:8)

### 3. Under the Indwelling ministry of The Holy Spirit, the Word of God is able to judge the core beliefs of the inner man of the heart.

(Eph.6:6b) “Doing the will of God from the heart.”

(Gal.4:6) “And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts**, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’” (2 Cor.1:22; Rom.5:5; 8:26-27)

(Eph.3:16-19) “That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man; **so that Christ may dwell in your heart through faith**; and **that you**, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, **that you** may be filled up to all the fullness of God.”

(Heb.4:12) “For **the word of God** is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both **joints and marrow (body)**, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” [Note five things]

(Luke 24:32) “And they said to one another, ‘Were not our **hearts burning within us** while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?’” (Prov.4:20-23)