

Matters of the Heart

Now the LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons.”

1 SAMUEL 16:1

And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” But the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’”

1 SAMUEL 16:2

Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you.”

I SAMUEL 16:3

So Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, “Do you come peaceably?”

I SAMUEL 16:4

And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

I SAMUEL 16:5

So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is before Him!”

I SAMUEL 16:6

But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

1 SAMUEL 16:7

So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”

I SAMUEL 16:8,9

Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.”

I SAMUEL 16:10

And Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all the young men here?” Then he said, “There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here.”

I SAMUEL 16:11

So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!”

I SAMUEL 16:12

Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

I SAMUEL 16:13

Heart

According to the Bible, the heart is the centre not only of spiritual activity, but of all operations of human life.

Conscience

The sense of consciousness of the moral goodness or blameworthiness of one's own conduct, intentions, or character together with a feeling of obligation to do right or be good.

The word “heart” is found in the Bible more than 800 times. According to the Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, which is a listing of primary words contained in the King James version of the Bible, ***the brain is NOT mentioned once, whereas the heart is cited 826 times.***

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

GENESIS 6:5

There was a man of Benjamin whose name was Kish the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power.

I SAMUEL 9:1

And he had a choice and handsome son whose name was Saul. *There was not a more handsome person* than he among the children of Israel. From his shoulders upward *he was taller than any of the people.*

I SAMUEL 9:2

“THE PEOPLE’S CHOICE”

Saul’s Father, Kish...**was a might man of power**

Saul was **choice and handsome**

Saul was **taller than all the people**

His appearance = phenomenon, luster or brilliance

His physical stature = high, exalted haughty,
cheerful, to make high

I have refused him = Rejected

Then Jesse said to his son David, “Take now for your brothers an ephah of this dried grain and these ten loaves, and run to your brothers at the camp.

1 SAMUEL 17:17

And carry these ten cheeses to the captain of their thousand, and see how your brothers fare, and bring back news of them.” Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

I SAMUEL 17:18,19

Now Eliab his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's anger was aroused against David, and he said, "Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the insolence of your heart, for you have come down to see the battle."

I SAMUEL 17:28

And David said, “What have I done now? Is there not a cause?” Then he turned from him toward another and said the same thing; and these people answered him as the first ones did.

I SAMUEL 17:29,30

Revealing Heart

As in water face *reflects* face, so a man's heart reveals the man.

PROVERBS 27:19

Plyable Heart

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

EZEKIEL 36:26

Deceitful Heart

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.

JEREMIAH 17:9-10

Patient Heart

Wait on the LORD; be of good courage,
and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I
say, on the LORD!

PSALMS 27:14

Foolish Heart

The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.”

PSALMS 14:1

Peaceful Heart

A sound heart is life to the body, but envy is rottenness to the bones.

PROVERBS 14:30

Happy Heart

A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but
heartache crushes the spirit.

PROVERBS 15:13

Humble Heart

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALMS 139:23,24

Selfless Heart

...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

MATTHEW 20:28 ESV

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

MATTHEW 5:8

A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.

LUKE 6:45

The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked pours forth evil.

PROVERBS 15:28

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and slander be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

EPHESIANS 4:31,32

“When we have a heart that beats for One purpose, it is a heart that serves One Master. The man with an undivided heart for God has his eyes focused on things unseen.”

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Sealed

The word “sealed” in the New Testament comes from a Greek word that means “to stamp with a private mark” in the interest of keeping something secret or protecting or preserving the sealed object.

Keep (*guard*) your heart with all diligence,
For out of it *spring* the issues of life.

PROVERBS 4:23

Teach me **Your way**, O LORD; I will walk in **Your truth**; unite my heart to fear Your name. I will praise You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify Your name forevermore.

PSALMS 86:11,12

With my whole heart I have sought You;
Oh, let me not wander from Your
commandments! Your word I have hidden in
my heart, that I might not sin against You.

PSALMS 119:10,11

For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

HEBREWS 4:12

And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

HEBREWS 4:13

H.E.A.R.T.

H - Holy

Psalms 51:10 - “Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

Matthew 5:8 – Jesus said...“Blessed are the pure
in heart, for they shall see God”

Leviticus 11:44 - “For I am the LORD your God.
Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I
am holy.”

E - Encouraging

1 Thessalonians 5:11 - Jesus (again) saying,
“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up.”

Hebrews 10:24-25 - “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

A - Anchored

Psalms 63:8 - “My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.”

Hebrews 6:19 - “We have this hope as an anchor to the soul, firm and secure.”

R - Righteous

1 John 2:29 - Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Matthew 5:6 - Jesus...“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

T - Thankful

1 Thessalonians 5:18 - “In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Psalms 9:1-2 - “I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.”

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