

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and inquire in His temple.

PSALM 27:4

I. Context

A. Samuel was in search of the next king from Jesse's sons.

"Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord. ⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." ¹ Samuel 16:5-7

B. David wasn't even invited to the meeting.

1. David has some serious wounds from his earthly father.
2. David was devoted to the job that was given to him. He cultivated faithfulness when no one was watching. He was faithful to tending the sheep.
3. It was the context where he began to play music to the Lord & to trust the Lord. When he faced Goliath his faith came from a history in God. Where he continually saw the Lord deliver him.
4. His father finally comes clean that there is another son. But no one thought it would be him.

Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." ⁹Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." ¹¹So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" ¹ Samuel 16:8-11

C. He was a man after God's own heart.

"But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after His own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you." ¹ Samuel 13:14

"After removing Saul, He made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after My own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'" Acts 13:22

II. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after...

- A. If we want to be men & women after the heart of God, we have to take a look at the guy who had it. The only man in scripture that this is said of.
- B. It's as if the curtain of David's heart is pulled back for a moment and we see what makes him tick, what motivates him, what drives him to do the things he did in his life.
- C. The dream of his heart was singular:
 1. He didn't want to be distracted.

III. Desire drives you.

IV. ...That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life...

- A. His desire was to be near to the Lord, to dwell in His house. If you want to know someone intimately, you have to spend time in their home. It's the fast track to knowing how they live, what they love.
- B. All the days of His life.
 1. His vision wasn't for 6 months, a year or even a decade. It was for the rest of his days.
 2. Another verse says "I would rather be a door keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness." (Psalm 84:10)

V. ...To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord & inquire in His temple.

- A. He unpacks what dwelling in God's house looks like.
- B. It's gazing upon His beauty.
 1. We were made for fascination.
 2. It's why people will wake up at wildly early hours to see a sunset.
 3. It's why people will go on crazy long hikes for days to see a mountain range.
 4. Two things happen when we see Him. We become like Him & we can't help but respond in worship.
- C. It's inquiring of Him.
 1. Asking Him questions & He begins to give us His heart. Our hearts will break for the things that break His.

VI. The Lord in this hour of history is looking for men & women like David.

Will you respond to the Lord like David did?



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