

THE HEART OF DAVID SURE MERCIES OF DAVID 4

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There have been some very special people in scriptural history whose sacrifices and faith have given us a lot more than we deserve, or could ever earn. Many who have gone before have made it possible for us to be part of this wonderful blessing of eternal life. David established a guaranteed pathway for the successful management of our sin and weaknesses. Jesus Christ died as a perfect sacrifice to provide the power and mechanism for eternal life... he also provided a system of fellowship and worship which is 100% effective. Let's establish the principles and promises relating to David, which allow us to manage our sins and failings.

The heart of man is naturally wicked and impossible to contain. JER 17:9 The heart *is* deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? This point has been proven continuously through human history. Saul was the first king raised up by God and he proved to be a total failure. **1SAM 15:11** It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night. God replaced Saul with David.

David's attitude and lifestyle pleased God. ACT 13:22 And when he had removed him (Saul), he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will. God was praising David's future before it came about. We must keep in mind that within this promise and observation was the knowledge of David's great future failing (adultery, murder, etc.). **ACT 13:34** And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise (PSA 89 is a detailed list of God's blessing to David), I will give you the sure mercies of David. Even in the midst of terrible sin, David produced the right attitude... as a result God used the heart attitude of David to establish a guaranteed approach for managing sin through the introduction of mercy: equally so, for all the people of the New Covenant church (you and me).

As a result of Jesus, David, etc., a whole new method of worship and fellowship is now available. EZE 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. The Holy Spirit empowers us to live forever. It also offers to improve the way we think and act... affecting our overall attitude to life and God's purposes.

This petition is the acceptable example of David's heart, not only did it save him... it also gave us a covenant benefit. PSA 51:1 <<To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.>> Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. **2** Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. **3** For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. David acknowledged his sin openly and honestly. He never blamed anyone else, he took full responsibility.

&8 Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. **9** Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. **10** Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. **11** Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. David understood God more than most other living beings. That is how he was able to offer this prayer with the expectation that God would deliver him from all of his sin... as great as it was. Consider the humility, yet the great boldness as well, that is also contained in his prayer. **12** Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then comes this amazing sense of Godly purpose.

13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Despite his sin and shame, there was a real desire to serve God.

&16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. **17** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. This is the heart that pleased God and is also the same attitude that will deliver us out of all our failings and weaknesses. This heart is now within us if we choose to use it.

Like Lot, we can be troubled by the sin that surrounds us. 2PET 2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; **7** And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: **8** (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) **9** The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: God has got you covered.

God also requires us to make our contribution to the people of this world. Use the heart you have been given... serve the people in the church and share the Gospel with the unsaved.... This is the heart Jesus died for!!

1JOH 3:20 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. God's mercy works when we apply what he says... our personal views, lack of faith, emotions or frustrations don't change God's word. Thus there's no reason to fail.