



Pick One! **Sunday 16 January 2011**

In life, we often find ourselves at decision points. There may be several options that present themselves to us at those decision points – but you can only pick one.

David, the Bible says was a man after God's own heart.

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

God searched for Himself, a man after His own heart.

God is still searching for a people who are after His own heart.

Acts 13:22 And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID THE SON OF JESSE, A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART, WHO WILL DO ALL MY WILL

A man after God's own heart, is someone who will do all God's will.

The reason God made David king, was because He had seen David to some one after His own heart. This means that David was a captive to the things that pleased the heart of God. He put pleasing God's heart the number one passion of his life.

David, who eventually became the second king of Israel, and perhaps one of the most successful kings of Israel had a very humble beginning. In his early days he essentially was a shepherd, taking care of his Dad's sheep.

After this triumph against Goliath – he was promoted into Saul's army. The Bible tells us that he conducted himself wisely:

1 Samuel 18:

5 So David went out wherever Saul sent him, and behaved wisely. And Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

14 And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the LORD was with him.

30 ...And so it was, whenever they went out, that David behaved more wisely than all the servants of Saul, so that his name became highly esteemed.

Things took a sudden turn, and situations became very adverse. King Saul was now against David and was out to kill him.

Twice David had the opportunity to kill king Saul. But David chose "the pleasure of honor".

1 Samuel 24:

6 And he said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do this thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD."

10 Look, this day your eyes have seen that the LORD delivered you today into my hand in the cave, and someone urged me to kill you. But my eye spared you, and I said, 'I will not stretch out my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD's anointed.'

1 Samuel 26:

9 But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him; for who can stretch out his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?"



11 The LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed. But please, take now the spear and the jug of water that are by his head, and let us go."

23 May the LORD repay every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the LORD delivered you into my hand today, but I would not stretch out my hand against the LORD's anointed.

The pleasure of honor is simply the choice you make to honor God thus pleasing His heart. The pleasure of honor is simply you experiencing pleasure from pleasing God through honoring Him.

Jesus came to please God.

John 8:29 And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him."

Sometime later in life, David failed..made some wrong choices and he felt "the pain of sin".

David's sin killing Uriah, sinning with Bathsheba

Psalm 51:1-17

Double Pleasure or Double Pain

Honoring God brings double pleasure – it brings pleasure to God's heart and it brings pleasure to our own hearts knowing that we have pleased God.

Sin brings double pain – it pains the heart of God, and also grieves our own hearts knowing that we have done something that has displeased the heart of God.

Practical application

In life, often, we will find ourselves at decision points – where we have to pick one, either "the pleasure of honor" or "the pain of sin".

Talk about practical situations - Students, young men, young women, at home relating to parents, in the workplace, in marriage, etc.

Invite people to respond, making a commitment to always choose "the pleasure of honor".

In picking the pleasure of honor you are choosing the beauty of holiness instead of the beauty of this world. You are choosing the delights of His heart instead of the fleeting pleasures of sin which leave a lasting impression of pain.

For a man/woman after God's own hearty, the beauty of His holiness is more attractive and appealing than anything beautiful this world has to offer.

Obadiah 1:17

"But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance, And there shall be holiness; The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.

Mount Zion represents the Church. The house of Jacob (Israel) represents the people of God. God's people will walk in holiness...and thus possess their inheritance.

Walking in holiness, picking "the pleasure of honor" is key for God's people to come into their inheritance and possess what rightfully belongs to them.



Closing Hymns:

I'd Rather Have Jesus
Turn Your Eyes on Jesus
My Jesus I Love Thee



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