

**The Heart of David – Part 4 –
Knowing the Heart of God**

Acts 15:15-18

–To undertake such a kingdom, eternity changing event, what motivated David’s heart?

–David was a man “after God’s heart” (1 Sam. 13:14).

•Simply put, he had insight into the heart of God and sought to fulfill and satisfy Him.



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Psalm 27:4; Acts 13:22

–David was immovable in relation to the will of God, because he set a steady gaze upon the Lord in His word, and in the spirit.



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Acts 2:25-28: “For David says concerning Him: ‘I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in Hades, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of joy in Your presence.’”

–Peter quotes this Davidic, Messianic Psalm of Jesus to the Father.

–Note: Jesus heart is GLAD (rejoiced), and His tongue DANCED



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–We know Jesus’ heart is just like God’s heart.

- *David saw the glad, rejoicing heart of God over himself – a weak and broken human!*



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–Joy and pleasure exist in the Godhead.

• *All TRUE pleasure comes from God, because God Himself is the source of pure, non-counterfeit joy and pleasure.*

• *He knows and enjoys pleasure, and a lot of that pleasure is what He gets out of His relationship with us weak and broken humans.*



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–He desires for us to know and experience His pleasure over us, because experiencing the pleasure of and in God becomes the strongest motivation a human can experience.

• *This is what motivated David, John, Peter, Paul and the Lord, Himself in Himself.*



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–What was it that caused the Lord to endure such agony?

- *“For the JOY set before Him” (Heb. 12:1).*
- *His heart was filled with joy enough to endure anything because His heart burned with delight to do the Father’s will, and it burned with delight when He thought of us.*



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–His heart continues in unabated joy over us as we journey toward full maturity.

- **Luke 10:21**: *“In that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and **revealed them to babes...**”*



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–It is impossible to teach, preach, exhort, rebuke or counsel people out of their misery.

–Everything begins to change when we experience God’s joyful heart for us!

- *It is then sustained by consistently filling ourselves with the truth about the way His heart feels about us.*


