A MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART - DAVID, DEFEAT TO VICTORY

1st Samuel 28:1-19 & 29:1-30:19

Samuel said to Saul, "your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you (i.e. Saul would not do the LORD's will)."

1st Samuel 13:14b

After *God* had removed *Saul*, He raised up David to be *Israel's* king, concerning whom *God* also testified and said, "I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My heart, who will do all My will."

Acts 13:22

Q: Do You Desire to be A Man/Woman After God's Heart?

God Tells You How to Accomplish This: Be One Who Does All God's Will!

- 1. God Wills that you be SAVED by Him.
 - Jesus said, ... "For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him, may have eternal life; and I Myself will raise him up on the last day." John 6: 40
- 2A. God Wills that you be SANCTIFIED to Him. (Set apart for God's possession and use.)
 - Do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect**. Romans 12:2
 - 15 Be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, ... 17b <u>Understand what the will of the Lord is.</u> ... 18b be filled by the Spirit. ... 19b singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to God; Eph 5:15-20
- 2B. God Wills that you be SATISFIED in Him.
 - Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

 1 Thess 5:16-18
- 2c. God Wills that you SUFFER for Him.
 - 16 if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not feel ashamed, but in that name let him glorify God. ... 19 **Therefore, let those also who suffer according to the will of God entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right.**1 Peter 4:16-19

David sought the Will of the LORD when confronted with the threat of death by his men.

6 David was greatly distressed because his warriors spoke of stoning him, for they were embittered, each one because of his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God. ... 8 And David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I pursue this band? Shall I overtake them?" And the LORD said to David, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them, and you shall surely rescue all."

9 So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him

1st Samuel 30:6-9a

Guidelines for doing the Will of the Lord when faced with Adversity:

1st Strengthen Yourself in the Lord; as David did

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalm 18:2

2nd Inquire of the Lord; as David did

I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. Psalm 18:3 "I/wisdom love those who love me; and those who diligently seek me will find me." Proverbs 8:17

3rd Do What the Lord Tells You to Do; Go With the Lord; as David did

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6