

Title: **"A MAN AFTER HIS OWN HEART"**

Text: **1 Samuel 13, 16**

(I) A SPECIAL WORD FROM GOD TO SAUL

1. Important historical context

- a) Israel's first king
- b) Saul was chosen and anointed as the first monarch of Israel

2. God's assessment of Saul as the King of Israel

- a) Two assessments were made
- b) Both were disastrous
- c) Summary of the assessments (**1 Samuel 13, 15**)
 - i) You have done foolishly (**1 Samuel 13:13a**)
 - ii) You have not kept the commandment of the Lord (**1 Samuel 13:13b, 14**)
 - iii) You have rejected the word of the Lord (**1 Samuel 15:23**)
 - iv) Other problems- rebellion, stubbornness (**1 Samuel 15:23**)

(II) A SPECIAL WORD FROM GOD CONCERNING DAVID

*"The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people..." **1 Samuel 13:14***

1. The Divine Search

- a) A glimpse of how God works
- b) A glimpse of what God is looking for

2. The Human Level

- a) For the sake of the kingdom of Israel
- b) For the sake of God's people

3. The Divine Perspective

- a) A man after God's own heart
- b) He will be appointed to high office

"Commander over His people" 1 Samuel 13:14

(III) THE ANOINTING OF DAVID

1. He was the youngest of the eight sons of Jesse (1 Samuel 16:10-11)

2. He was totally ignored by his father (1 Samuel 16:11)

3. He was a shepherd boy (1 Samuel 16:11)

4. He was chosen above:-

- a) Jesse's preference
- b) Samuel's thought

5. Description of David

"He was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good looking" 1 Samuel 16:12

- a) He was but a young lad
- b) Yet he was chosen

(IV) OUR CHALLENGE: TO COMPREHEND THINGS SPIRITUALLY

"For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

1. To see beyond the outward appearance

2. To discern the heart of a person

*"A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good;
And an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil.
For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks." Luke 6:45*