Sought For A Man

Robert Harkrider · Ezekiel 22:30

INTRODUCTION

- I sought for a man among them that they should make up the hedge and stand in the gap before me for the land that I should not destroy it, but I found none.
- Indeed, the Lord does seek for men. Not just male, but even female, in the sense that I'm looking for someone who'll stand up for the cause of righteousness.
- Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

1 Physical Strength: Samson

Judges 13:5; Judges 14; Judges 16

- Who's the strongest man in the Bible? Well, we all know the answer to that, don't we? Samson.
- Allured by sexual immorality. He sought after a woman, Delilah, a Philistine woman, whom he had no right to be with.
- Physical strength wasn't really all that made him a man. He wasn't the kind of man God would seek for.

2 Being Popular: Absalom Tempted by Selfish Greed

2 Samuel 14:25; 2 Samuel 15:1–6; 2 Samuel 18:33

- In all Israel, there was no one who was praised as much as Absalom for his good looks, from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head.
- Tempted by selfish greed. Here was a man who sought finally the throne of his own father.
- O my son Absalom. My son, my son Absalom. If only I had died in your place.

3 An Important Position: Saul Filled With Pride

1 Samuel 15:17–23

- Later, though he started as a humble man, time passed that we see this man becoming filled with pride.
- Pride had led him to go ahead and do his will rather than what God had said.
- Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he also has rejected you from being king.

4 A Heart That Will Not Sin Against God: Joseph

Genesis 39

- Instead of just being physically strong and being allured to sexual immorality, God wants a heart that will not sin against God.
- Potiphar's wife sought him day by day to come and commit adultery with her. Yet Joseph's word was, I cannot sin against God.
- Joseph was a great man because he had a heart that would not sin against God, even though he had every opportunity to do otherwise.

5 A Heart That Looks to the Future: Moses

Acts 7; Hebrews 11:24–26

- He looks to the future. He looks beyond the moment's pleasure. He has a greater goal in mind than just the now.
- By faith, Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,.
- Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt. For he looked to the reward.
- We must keep in our hearts where our destiny is.

6 A Heart That Refuses to Compromise God's Commands: Daniel

- God looks for a heart that refuses to compromise God's commands.
- They were for three years to be taught the language and training of the Chaldeans and eat the king's meat and drink the king's wine.
- Daniel refused to defile himself.
- If he did not eat the king's meat and drink the king's wine, he risked all of that. Because God was first.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Keep your values straight, know who you're serving and where you're going, and keep serving God faithfully, even till death depart.**

MY NOTES