**Sunday 18th Oct** – May God richly bless you during this crazy time we are living in.

Our Focus today is what is a person after Gods own heart?

We look at David and place the context of one Psalm in light of this reality.

Hymn – How deep the Fathers love for us!

Prayer –

Text - The Bible calls **David** “a **man after God's own heart**” twice. The first time was by Samuel who anointed him as backslidden King Saul's successor, “But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought for Himself a **man after** His **own heart**” (1 Sam. 13:14, NKJV).

Let’s look at David the Psalmist background in a nutshell.

David the shepherd boy - who became a uniting king of Israel

**David** (Hebrew: דָּוִד‎) is described in the Hebrew **Bible** as the third king of the United Monarchy of Israel and Judah, becoming king after Ish-bosheth. In the Books of Samuel, **David** is a young shepherd who gains fame first as a musician and later by killing the enemy champion Goliath.

**David**, the brave young man of God who killed the giant Goliath with a single stone. **David**, who danced before the Lord, praising his name in the **Psalms**. ... In the Old Testament, they are found in the book of **Psalms**, and they are regularly used today during worship time in both Jewish and Christian services right up to date.

We read of David’s calling to be King of Israel in such a dramatic manner – one that we would not recognise in todays society. But he is recognised as a man sought after by God as a man after His own heart!

God sent the Prophet **Samuel** to Bethlehem and guided him to David, a humble shepherd and talented musician. He brought the young man to Saul's court, where his harp was so soothing that Saul called for David whenever he was vexed by an “evil spirit” sent by God (I **Samuel** 9:16).

David had a history, just like all of us, and it is not a history that anyone one of us would be proud of.

He had been married 6 times to Ahinoam, Abigail, Maacha, Haggith, Abital, and Eglah during the 7-1/2 years he reigned in Hebron as king of Judah. After David moved his capital to Jerusalem, he married Bathsheba. Each of his first **six wives** bore David a son, while Bathsheba bore him four sons.

The Book of Psalms commonly referred to simply as Psalms, the Psalter or "the Psalms", is the first book of the Ketuvim ("Writings"), the third section of the Hebrew Bible, and thus a book of the Christian Old Testament ...

Hebrew translation of Ketuvim is often explained this title as **Series work relationship**

What a link two our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who hails from the Lineage of David.

As we look at the Psalm’s we all have our favourites don’t we –

I have so many, I don’t know where to start, but one Psalm of David’s stands out for a simple yet quite dynamic reason!

Psalm 37:1-8

**The Heritage of the Righteous and the Calamity of the Wicked**

***A Psalm* of David.**

**37 Do not fret** because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.
**2**For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.

**3Trust in the Lord,** and do good; Dwell in the land, and **feed on His faithfulness.**
**4Delight yourself also in the Lord**, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

**5Commityour way to the Lord,** **Trust also in Him,** **And He shall bring *it* to pass.**
**6**He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.

**7Rest in the Lord**, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.
**8**Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—*it* only *causes* harm.

The call of God has been made quite clear, on how we can rest in the assurance of His blessings in abundance for our lives.

David was a man after Gods own heart - yet he was a man with history (bucket loads of it) yet it was his repentant heart and mind that tuned him to be close to the heart of God!

How does that lie with us – for the call to each of us is to have a repentant heart in tune with God!

In Acts 3:19 we have a gem that if grasped - repent, then and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

To arrive at the Rest God has for us, is arrived at by – not fretting, but trusting in The Lord – feed on His faithfulness, Delight yourself in the Lord, Trust in the Lord and He will bring it to pass.

Then you can Rest in the Lord!

Our repentant hearts change us to trust and obey our Lord, As a result He brings us peace and comfort even through the most challenging of circumstances, God even promises to give us whatever we need to endure, whatever befalls us, He walks with us and before us, in Hebrews 11:6 we see that without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe He exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

Today, recognising, a repentant heart as a driving force in making Godly choices, It is a heart driven to serve the Lord guided by His Holy Spirit, refusing to be defeated by the devil but rather choose to live in Victory through Jesus Christ.

Once you repent – Fruit you shall bear, for all your sins, will be laid out bare.

For a contrite heart, will forsake all evil, follow no longer the ways of the devil.

Once you profess, you are a sinner, Worldly conforming, no longer will hinder.

For a penitent soul, desires no more of what the world has for it in store.

Once you repent, You’ll bear the fruit of repentance so sin can’t take root!

Matthew 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance!

Deborah Ann Belka

If God blessed David the way He did even with his History – why cant he bless us with Rest we need in His presence – its all about a repentant heart. Amen

**Closing Hymn – Here is love vast as the Ocean**

As a fellowship of Gods people – we convey out heartfelt sympathy to Maureen, and all her family on the loss of our dear- dear brother Alan and trust God presence Himself with Maureen and their entire family during these challenging days, bringing them the comfort and peace they desperately need.

Also our thoughts and prayers are with Graham and Lynne on the loss of Lynne’s brother John, trusting that God presences Himself in their midst and comforts them abundantly at this time.

Our notices

Monday Prayer meeting 8pm on Zoom

Wednesday Fellowship Coffee 8pm and chat on Zoom – Live Bible Study on the church Facebook and linked to Whats App

Thursday – Live Journey for kids and families on the Church Facebook and linked to Whats App.

Friday – Quiz night 8pm on Zoom

Sunday – 25th Oct Sunday Morning worship live on the Church Facebook and Zoom

Church Facebook and Website are accessible to all just go on to Beacon Community Church Wibsey on Facebook. And www.beaconcommunitychirch.org.uk

Zoom you will need a meeting number and password – which is as follows.

Paul Brown is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Meeting ID: 805 199 3903 - Passcode: 182992

This is for Sunday Services, Prayer meetings, Coffee and Chat and Quiz Nights and everyone who is able to Join us please do so, and if you need a helping hand, either contact Pastor Paul or Charlie who will help you get on to Zoom.

Finally

On Wednesday 28th Oct – at 7pm There will be a church Business meeting in Church but on Zoom the same number will apply. If you can contact Pastor Paul and share any issues regarding Zoom or the meeting itself. If you can’t be in the meeting, we will designate a person to have you on the phone who can pass on any issues you may have an interest in.

Yours in Christ Pastor Paul & Claire