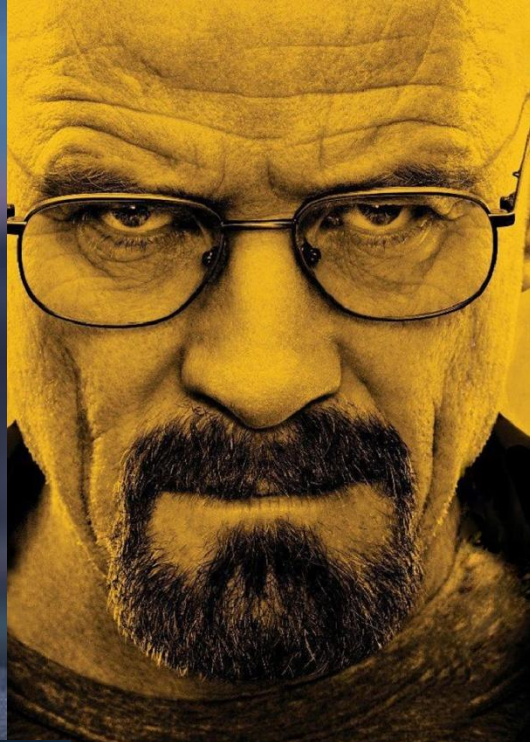




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DAVID

A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

**21      “The LORD has dealt with me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he has rewarded me.**

**22      For I have kept the ways of the LORD; I have not done evil by turning from my God.**

**23      All his laws are before me; I have not turned away from his decrees.**

**24      I have been blameless before him and have kept myself from sin.**

**25      The LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his sight.**

**2 Samuel 22:21–25**



**How can we honestly say that  
David was a person after God's  
own heart?**



**How do we live a good,  
blameless (even heroic!) life?**



# The Census: A Bad Idea



**David was conscience-stricken after he had counted the fighting men, and he said to the LORD, “I have sinned greatly in what I have done. Now, O LORD, I beg you, take away the guilt of your servant. I have done a very foolish thing.”**

**2 Samuel 24:10**

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**1 John 1:5-9**

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**David said to Gad, “I am in deep distress. Let us fall into the hands of the LORD, for his mercy is great; but do not let me fall into the hands of men.”**

**2 Samuel 24:14**



# Becoming a Person after God's Own Heart

1. Come into the light.
2. Entrust yourself to a God whose mercy triumphs over judgement.



So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them. David built an altar to the LORD there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then the LORD answered prayer in behalf of the land, and the plague on Israel was stopped.

2 Samuel 24:24-25

**God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

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