

Have you ever wondered why God called David “a man after My own heart”? (Acts 13:22) What made him so special, and how can we also be a man or woman after God’s heart? David was special because he got hold of something that was of the greatest importance to God’s heart. He got hold of a divine thought and objective in God’s heart, and made a vow to God in the wilderness to bring back the ark of the covenant to its rightful place among God’s people in Jerusalem. (Psalm 132:1-5) Because David placed such importance on bringing back the ark, God considered him a man after His own heart.

For more than 20 years, King Saul had left the ark in a hilly place called Kirjath Jearim. (1 Samuel 7:2) So David made it his passion to bring the ark to Mount Zion in Jerusalem, for the Lord had chosen Zion (which represents God’s grace, as opposed to Mount Sinai, which represents His law) as His dwelling place. God Himself said of Zion: “This is My resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.” (Psalm 132:14) When you understand the typology of the ark of the covenant, you will see that bringing the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem is the same as bringing Jesus Christ back into a place of prominence, and making Him and His finished work the centre of our lives.

This was the secret to David’s blessings. He pursued the ark of the covenant, and as a result God called him a man after His own heart. Today, you too can be a man or woman after God’s own heart. You can pursue Jesus and bring Him back into the centre of your life. Make Jesus, His finished work, and His grace the centrepiece of every aspect of your life, and allow the fullness of His blessings to flow in your life today!

Colossians 1:17-18 “He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. He is the head of the Body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the pre-eminence.”