

God Always Knows Your Heart

Happy Wednesday!

“Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, and said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart; then hear in heaven your dwelling place and forgive and act and render to each whose heart you know, according to all his ways (for you, you only, know the hearts of all the children of mankind), that they may fear you all the days that they live in the land that you gave to our fathers.”

1 Kings 8:22-23, 39-40 ESV

Does God know your heart? Do you know your own heart?

I must confess, there are days in my life when I’m not even sure what’s wrong “with me”, but I know I’m “off”. In those days, I know I don’t know my own heart! There are other days where I’m not even thinking about the status of “my heart” because I’m too distracted by other things (like a new computer system at work, something going on at home, or waiting for that dreaded phone call, deadline, or diagnosis...)

But today’s verses are filled with hope: God always knows your heart. He knows what you want AND what you need, and He is powerful enough to lead you to follow Him toward His Truth - if we’re humble enough to follow. He knows our hearts. “There is no God like you, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to your servants who walk before you with all their heart.”

Examine your heart today: are there things you can recognize that do not honor God? Pride, selfishness, idolizing something...? Ways of life that can submit to Him and to His Goodness - if we are willing.

“And Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if [another is god], then follow him.” And the people did not answer him a word.” 1 Kings 18:21 ESV

It’s easy to live life teetering between two opinions - never really committing to one or the other... but choose for this day whom you will believe in and serve, choose to believe in God, His heart for you, that He sent His only Son Jesus Christ from heaven and came to earth (fully God and fully man), took the punishment for our sins (physical death) by dying on the cross, was dead for three days, and was raised to life by God Almighty, then ascended into heaven where He awaits for His appointed time to come back to Judge the hearts of mankind.

God knows your heart - he knows what you want and He knows what you need. Surrender to Him today.

Thank you Father, that You are Good, Your heart is Good toward Your Children and those whose hearts love You. Help deepen our love for You, Lord. Elevate You above the noise and the distractions. Teach us what Your Word says: better is one day in the Court of the Most High God than a thousand days elsewhere. Search my heart, find the unclean ways in me, and purify me, Lord. Help my heart long for more of You. Amen

“However Could I Love Without You” by Grace City
<https://youtu.be/w8EuEQ1cb40?si=Ughz8besPjct5H3X>

"Abandoned" by Benjamin William Hastings
https://youtu.be/iRFw9s_cQwE?si=W25gv0N8hG4mQwf9

"Everything That Has Breath (Praise)" Jesus Culture & Bryan and Katie Torwalt
<https://youtu.be/xTB1gVPObwk?si=upbdZwbh-RI-PHYT>

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