

A person in a grey hoodie is kneeling in a grassy field, holding a long staff or prayer stick. They are positioned under the shade of a large, leafy tree. The background is a bright, golden sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene with a warm, orange glow. Other trees are visible in the distance, also bathed in the golden light.

# A Heart Like God's

Part 5: When it's real on the inside, it's ready  
for the outside.

14 Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an **evil** (*bad/ sad/ disagreeable/ unpleasant*) **spirit from the LORD** terrorized him.

**1 Samuel 16:14–15**

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15 Saul's servants then said to him, "Behold now, an evil spirit from God is terrorizing you."

(Lit: *“The Spirit of God was evil to Saul.”*)

or

*“The Spirit of God was eating away at Saul”*

Once we have given ourselves to rebellion, the Presence of the Spirit of God can **feel** and **manifest** like demonic oppression - stirring up depression, anger, fear, etc.

14 But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us *the sweet aroma* of the knowledge of Him in every place.

**2 Corinthians 2:14–16**

NASB95

15 For *we are a fragrance of Christ to God*  
among those who are being saved and among  
those who are perishing;

16 to the one *an aroma from death to death*, to  
the other *an aroma from life to life*. And who is  
adequate for these things?



The Kingdom of Darkness  
waits at the door of our lives;  
only God's staying hand can  
keep it at bay. This is the most  
important, and often  
unrecognized, benefit of His  
Presence.

Our rebellion gives a "legal right" for the powers of darkness to torment us.

32 “Then summoning him, his lord \*said to him, ‘You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.

**Matthew 18:32–35**

NASB95

33 'Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?'

34 “And his lord, moved with anger, *handed him over to the torturers* until he should repay all that was owed him.

35 *“My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.”*

Unforgiveness is the most common form of passive-aggressive rebellion against the Lord, and may be responsible for most of the torment Christians experience.

17 So Saul said to his servants, “Provide for me now a man who can play well and bring him to me.”

**1 Samuel 16:17–23**

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18 Then one of the young men said, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is a skillful musician, a mighty man of valor, a warrior, one prudent in speech, and a handsome man; and the LORD is with him."

What David had been  
doing in a corner,  
unrecognized, became his  
resume for a job he  
didn't even apply for.

God knows where to  
find His faithful,  
prepared ones. What we  
do in secret will be  
rewarded openly.

19 So Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said,  
“Send me your son David *who is with the flock.*”

1 Samuel 16:17–23

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20 Jesse took a donkey *loaded with* bread and a jug of wine and a young goat, and sent *them* to Saul by David his son.

21 Then David came to Saul and *attended him*;  
and Saul loved him greatly, and he became *his  
armor bearer*. (“bearer of vessels”/ “cup-bearer”)

It is a test of  
promotability when we are  
placed in a position to get  
close to the weaknesses of  
those who have authority  
in our lives.

God is always seeking ways to show compassion and mercy. How well we carry that spirit toward authorities who fail can determine our own destiny.



Showing and Sowing Honor  
in such circumstances  
opens the door for  
promotion. Showing  
dishonor can bring a curse.

20 Then Noah began farming and planted a vineyard.

**Genesis 9:20-25**

NASB95

21 He drank of the wine and became drunk,  
and uncovered himself inside his tent.

22 *Ham*, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, *and told his two brothers outside.*

23 But Shem and Japheth took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders and walked backward and *covered the nakedness of their father*; and their faces were turned away, so that they did not see their father's nakedness.

24 When Noah awoke from his wine, he knew what his youngest son had done to him.

25 So he said, "*Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brothers.*"

22 Saul sent to Jesse, saying, “Let David now stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight.”

**1 Samuel 16:17–23**

NASB95



23 So it came about whenever the *evil* spirit from God came to Saul, *David would take the harp and play it with his hand*; and Saul would be refreshed and be well, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

Before Israel needed  
David's sword, it needed  
David's harp.

David's Presence-Driven  
Life enabled him to  
bring God's Presence  
into a palace filled with  
demonic oppression.

Our Secret Place Life is  
the most important gift  
we have to give; we can  
only manifest what we  
actually carry.

To manifest Heaven in  
the earth, it first must  
be manifest **to** us, and **in**  
us, in private.

How lovely is Your dwelling place  
Almighty Lord  
There's a hunger deep inside my soul

Only in Your presence  
Are my heart and flesh restored  
How lovely is Your dwelling place

In Your courts there's shelter  
For the greatest and the small



The sparrow has a place to build her nest  
The pilgrim finds refreshment  
In the rains that fall  
And each one has the strength  
To meet the test

A single day is better  
When spent in humble praise  
Than a thousand days

Of living without You  
The Lord bestows His favor  
On each one who obeys  
And blessings on the man  
Whose heart is true