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Topic: A Man After His Own Heart (I)

Scripture Text: 1 Samuel 13

1. In v.14, God was seeking for a man after his own heart. Every believer ought to have this desire to be such a person to seek God wholeheartedly though we may not be perfect.
2. King Saul is seen here as a man after his own heart. This shows that he is an unbeliever. The first characteristics is that of Self-Promotion. Saul was seeking for his own glory. It was Jonathan who had smitten the Philistines but Saul lied to take the glory from Jonathan.
3. The second characteristics is that of Situation Ethics. King Saul could not wait for Samuel to come to offer the sacrifices and in the moment of crisis faced with the large army of the Philistines, he offered the sacrifices which only the priest could perform. To Saul, the end justifies the means.
4. The third characteristics is that of Blaming Others. For his sin to offer the sacrifices, king Saul blamed the people from fleeing away; blamed Samuel for coming late; blamed the Philistines for attacking Israel. King Saul should have humbled himself to repent of his sin but he was too proud to do it.
5. Samuel told king Saul that he had done foolishly and the kingdom would be taken from him and given to a man who is after God's own heart. Though David was not born yet at this time, God is sovereign and knows who would eventually be the new king.