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A Prophetic person needs to understand what a heart is. So he can guard his own heart and bring life to the hearts of others.

Therefore we will spend some time on this subject.

God has a heart

- Before we look at the human heart, we need to understand that since God has emotions and desires, He, too, has a "heart."
- We have a heart because God does.
- God is a Spirit, and for us He is unseeing; so is his heart.
- So you understand now what heart we are going to talk about?
- David was a man "after God's own heart" (Acts 13:22).
- And God blesses His people with leaders who know and follow His heart (<u>1 Samuel 2:35</u>)

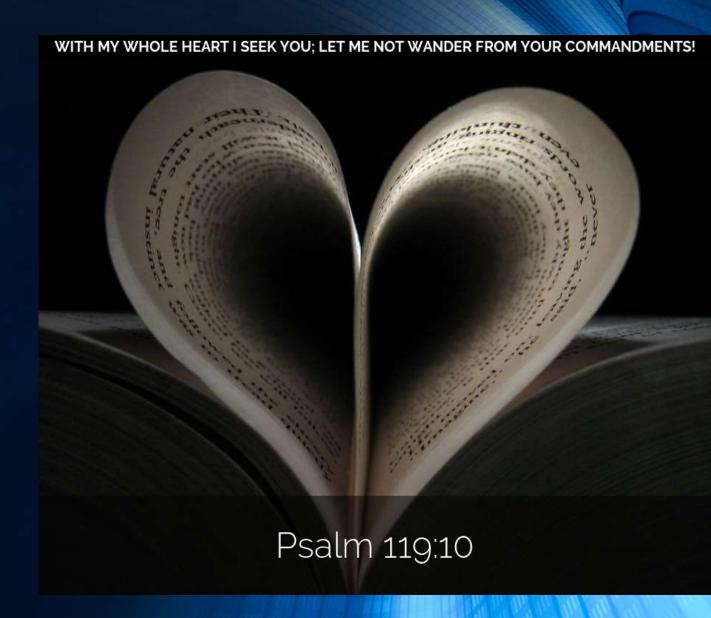
The human heart

- In its natural condition, is evil, treacherous and deceitful.
- <u>Jeremiah 17:9</u> says, "The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"
- The Fall has affected us at the deepest level; our mind, emotions and desires have been tainted by sin.

Our problem comes from inside

- Mark 7:21-23:
- "From within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man unclean." Our biggest problem is not external but internal; all of us have a heart problem.

LET'S LOOK AT THE HEART OF MAN

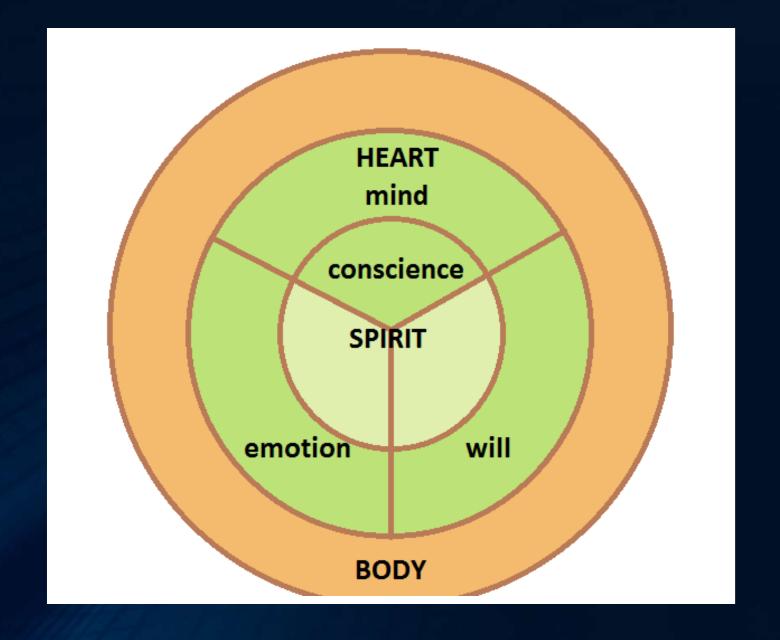


MAN'S HEART

MAN'S HEART, AS REVEALED IN SCRIPTURE, IS A COMPOSITION OF ALL THE PARTS OF THE SOUL AS WELL AS OF THE PRIMARY PART OF THE SPIRIT WHICH IS THE CONSCIENCE.

The Bible clearly indicates that the heart of man consist of:

One part of the spirit: The conscience + parts of the soul: Mind, will, emotions.



The Heart Center of Moral, Intellectual and Emotional actions and reactions.

- 1 Samuel 16:7 (NKJV) 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."
- Jeremiah 17:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.
- 1 Corinthians 4:5 (NKJV) 5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

Heart's secrets and the mouth

- Matthew 12:33-34 (NKJV) ³ "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. ³⁴ Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.
- Proverbs 16:23 (NKJV) ²³ The heart of the wise teaches his mouth, And adds learning to his lips.
- Romans 10:9 (NKJV) 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Mouth and heart

- Deuteronomy 30:14 (NKJV)
- ¹⁴ But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.

God fulfill the desires of our hearts.

- Psalm 20:4 (NIV)
- 4 May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

God promises to Circumcise our hearts

- Deuteronomy 30:6 (NKJV) ⁶ And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.
- Colossians 2:11-14 (NKJV) ¹¹ In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with *Him* through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³ And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses.

Your whole personality is shaped by the emotions of your heart.

- Proverbs 17:22 (NKJV) 22 A merry heart does good, *like* medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.
- Proverbs 15:13 (NKJV) 13 A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

Emotions that come from the heart.

- The Lord knows our hearts (<u>Luke 16:15</u>), and its full range of emotions:
- Its joy (Deut 28:47; 1 Sam 2:1; Prov 15:15)
- Its sorrow (<u>1 Sam 1:8</u>);
- Its raging (2 Kings 6:11)
- Its peace (Col 3:15);
- Its feeling troubled (John 14:1)
- Its rejoicing (<u>1 Sam 2:1</u>; <u>Psalm 104:15</u>);
- Its love (Rom 5:5; 1 Peter 1:22)

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- Its selfish ambition (James 3:14);
- Its doubts (<u>Mark 11:23</u>)
- Its fear (<u>Gen 42:28</u>)
- Its trusting (Prov 3:5);
- Its pride (<u>Deut 8:14</u>)
- Its lowliness and humbleness (Matt 11:29);
- When it loses heart (Heb 12:3) or
- When it takes heart (John 16:33).

The Moral Condition of Your Heart will guide your thinking and feelings.

- Mark 7:21New (NKJV)
- ²¹ For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

The heart has wishes, and desires.

- Proverbs 6:25 (NKJV) ²⁵ Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her eyelids.
- Psalm 119:10 (NKJV) 10 With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!
- Matthew 6:21 (NKJV) ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- Jeremiah 29:13 (NKJV) ¹³ And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your hear

The Heart Thinks, Meditates, Ponders.

- Luke 2:18-19 (NKJV) ¹⁸ And all those who heard *it* marveled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things and pondered *them* in her heart.
- Matthew 9:4 (NKJV) & But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why
 do you think evil in your hearts?
- Psalm 19:14 (NKJV)
 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

The Heart understands, discerns and gives insight

• Proverbs 2:9-10 (NKJV) ⁹ Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path. ¹⁰ When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,

Understanding cannot be separated from morals.

- God delegated Isaiah to: "Make the heart of this people calloused; otherwise they might understand with their hearts" (<u>Isa 6:10</u>)
- Pharaoh hardened his heart lest he hear Moses and gain insight about the Lord (<u>Exod 8:15</u>), and the Lord hardened it irrevocably (<u>7:13</u>; <u>9:12</u>).
- Paul says that the harts of the perverse were darkened (Rom 1:21);
 they could not see the light of moral truth.
- The hearts of saints, however, are enlightened (2 Col 4:6; Eph 1:18).

Conscience operates in our hearts

- 1 John 3:20 (NKJV) 20 For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.
- Psalm 51:10 (NKJV) 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- Acts 2:37 (NKJV) ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?"

The heart plans, makes commitments, and decides.

- Psalm 140:2 (NKJV) ² Who plan evil things in *their* hearts; They continually gather together *for* war.
- Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV) ⁹ A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.
- Proverbs 5:12 (NKJV) 12 And say: "How I have hated instruction, And my heart despised correction!

The greatest commandment

- Matthew 22:37 (NKJV)
- •37 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Ezekiel 36:24-28 (NKJV)

- ²⁴ For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.
- ²⁵ Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.
- ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
- ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.
- ²⁸ Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

Your Homework:

- Leonard Cohen (September 21, 1934 November 7, 2016) was a Canadian singer, songwriter, musician, poet, novelist, and painter.
- His work mostly explored religion, politics, isolation, sexuality, and personal relationships.
- Cohen was inducted into both the <u>Canadian Music Hall of Fame</u> and the <u>Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame</u> as well as the <u>Rock and Roll</u> <u>Hall of Fame</u>. He was a Companion of the <u>Order of Canada</u>, the nation's highest civilian honor. In 2011, Cohen received one of the <u>Prince of Asturias Awards</u> for literature and the ninth <u>Glenn Gould</u> <u>Prize</u>.

Your Homework:

- Listen to Leonard Cohen's Hallelujah famous song, read the lyrics and let God speaks to you about YOUR LIFE, not another's one but yours, you'll share with us next week.
- God can use anything to speak to us.
- He used a donkey, remember that episode in the bible?

Hallelujah. <u>Leonard Cohen</u>

- Now, I've heard there was a secret chord
 That David played, and it pleased the Lord
 But you don't really care for music, do you?
 It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth
 The minor fall, the major lift
 The baffled king composing hallelujah
- Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

- Your faith was strong but you needed proof
 You saw her bathing on the roof
 Her beauty and the moonlight overthrew ya
 She tied you to a kitchen chair
 She broke your throne, and she cut your hair
 And from your lips she drew the hallelujah
- Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

- You say I took the name in vain
 I don't even know the name
 But if I did, well really, what's it to you?
 There's a blaze of light in every word
 It doesn't matter which you heard
 The holy or the broken hallelujah
- Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

I did my best, it wasn't much
I couldn't feel, so I tried to touch
I've told the truth, I didn't come to fool you
And even though it all went wrong
I'll stand before the lord of song
With nothing on my tongue but hallelujah

 Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Now let's do some activations.

- Next week:
- Condition of the heart of man.