

PURSUING GOD'S HEART

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Deuteronomy 25

17 "Remember what Amalek did to you on the way as you were coming out of Egypt, 18 how he met you on the way and attacked your rear ranks, all the stragglers at your rear, when you were tired and weary; and he did not fear God.

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The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?

Jeremiah 17:9

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Out of pure jealousy, hatred, spite, and ungodliness Saul took away David's family, home, career, security, and the best years of David's life. Yet David mourned and wept and fasted when he learned of Saul's death. This powerfully demonstrates that our hatred and bitterness and unforgiveness are chosen, not imposed on us.

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The first one to plead his cause seems right, Until his neighbor comes and examines him. Proverbs 18:17

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For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

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We can easily imagine the Amalekite smiling as he says this, assuming David is delighted that his enemy and rival is dead. Now David can take the royal crown and bracelet and wear them himself.

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Then Jesus said to His disciples,
"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

Matthew 16:24

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