

## 2 Types of Christianity

One remarkable statement that set men apart for God: “*man looks on the outside but God looks at the heart*” (1 Sam 16:7). Jesus described the chief characteristics of true Christianity: “these people draw near to me with their mouth, and honour me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.” (Matt 15:8) What is the desire of God concerns His people: “*My son, give me your heart, and let your eyes observe my ways.*” (Prov 23:26)

There is a distinct difference between ‘christianity of the head’ and ‘christianity of the heart’. Likewise, there is a vast difference between head-orientated prayer and heart orientated prayer. These 2 types of Christianity are typified by 2 biblical characters, Saul and David. The ministry of Saul is soulish in nature and the ministry of David is wholehearted in nature.

Observe the mistake of King Saul to understand why he lost his kingdom. Physically, Saul was a charming, and tall man appeals to the senses. He was distinguished by his head – his brain. In preparation to go for a battle, Saul wasted 7 days for the priest Samuel to come. In his desperation when he saw his people lose confidence in his leadership, he came forth with an idea: he will offer the sacrifice himself. He violated the laws of God. A good plan to salvage the situation but it offended God.

Samuel then told Saul, “*Your kingdom shall not endure now. You have acted foolishly. The Lord now seeks for somebody who is a man after His own heart.*” (13:13,14)

See the emphasis have on the heart. When we are devoted to God, we shall walk in the fear of the Lord. Serving God not from a good idea but a God idea perspective. Saul obey out of convenience but David fear God. (Ps 112:1; Prov 23:17; 24:21) Saul tries to please men but David seeks only to do His will (Acts 13:22).

This is the hallmark of true Christianity that is always characterized by the walk of obedience (Jn 4:34; Isa 1:19). Don’t listen to the opinions and suggestions of the head but only the counsel of the renewed heart (Prov 3:5-7; Prov 15:33). When our heart is guided by His fear, we shall possess our canaan land (Prov 19:23).