God's Heart Work

(The Divine Heart Surgeon)

The Book of Ezra & Selected Scriptures

Introduction: The essence of personality: The Heart

The nature of man's Heart: Desperately Wicked

How does God work in the hearts of men & women?

I. He PREPARES Hearts

(to motivate His tools (servants) – as the <u>Kings of Persia</u>: Cyrus, Artaxerxes, & Darius – Ezra 1-7)

II. He TURNS Hearts

(to to accomplish His will – as the King of Assyria - Ezra 6:22)

III. He <u>DIRECTS</u> Hearts

(to fulfill His desires – as Nehemiah – Neh.2:12)

IV. He <u>HARDENS</u> Hearts

(to manifest His glory – as <u>Pharaoh</u> - Exodus 9:12, 10:1, 11:10)

V. He <u>INSPIRES</u> Hearts

(to motivate His servants – as <u>Bezaleel</u> – Exodus 36:1-2)

VI. He **CHANGES** Hearts

(to return to His ways – as David – Psalm 51:10)

VII. He INSTRUCTS Hearts

(to instill His wisdom – as Solomon – 1 Kings 10:24)

VIII. He <u>OPENS</u> Hearts

(to receive His Truth – as Lydia - Acts 16:14)