

God Looks at the Heart

1 Samuel 16 – David is Anointed King

REVIEW

After the 400+ year period of the judges, Israel wanted a king like the surrounding nations

Saul became Israel's first king in 1050 BC

- He was handsome and head and shoulders above the rest
- He was picked by God to reflect the sinful values and hearts of the people

Saul was eventually rejected by God as king

- He disobeyed by rejecting the word of the Lord
- He presented a false exterior in pretending to be spiritual

DAVID'S SELECTION AND ANOINTING AS KING (16:1-13)

Samuel is sent to Bethlehem (vv1-3)

- God tells Samuel to go to Jesse in Bethlehem, as one of his sons has been chosen to be king (v1)
- Samuel now fears being killed by Saul (v2a)
- God tells Samuel to plan a sacrifice to avoid suspicion by Saul (vv2b-3)

Samuel searches for the new king (vv4-12a)

- The elders initially tremble at the arrival of Samuel (vv4-5a)
- Jesse and his sons are also invited to the sacrifice (v5b)
- Samuel thought surely Eliab, the oldest son, would be chosen (v6)
- The Lord tells Samuel that while man looks at the outward appearance, He looks at the heart (v7)
- After the other brothers present are not chosen, David, the youngest, is summoned (vv8-12a)

Samuel anoints David as king (vv12b-13)

- The Lord instructs Samuel to anoint David as king (vv12b-13a)
- The Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward (v13b)

DAVID'S ROYAL SERVICE TO SAUL (VV14-23)

The Spirit of the Lord departs from Saul, while an evil spirit terrorizes him (v14)

Saul's servants suggest harp music for temporary relief from the evil spirit (vv15-17)

David is recommended and chosen to enter the royal court and play for Saul (vv18-23)

- David is exceptionally gifted (v18)
- David greatly ministered to Saul (vv19-23)
- Saul loved David greatly (v21b)

REFLECTIONS

Man looks at outward appearance, but God looks at the heart

- Is God pleased when He looks at your heart?
- Make sure you assess others based on their character and values rather than just how they appear on the outside

One whose heart seeks to be obedient to the Lord and shows fruits of the Spirit is a tremendous blessing to other people

God is sovereign – man is not