

1 Samuel 16:1-23

The Lord Sees Not as Man Sees

Do you love people enough to truly care about them and what happens to them?

Do you have good relationships that you are pouring into for the glory of God?

Vs 1-5 Samuel loves Saul. Samuel is sad that God took him out.

Samuel poured into Saul. Samuel was sad that Saul did not seek after the Lord.

We should care enough about people to pour into them.

God's will be done. It might be difficult, but His ways are the best ways.

God feels sorrow for Saul's sin. *God did not and does not make mistakes.*

God has a clear plan and Samuel obeys. God is choosing the king that He wants and it is not Saul.

Saul was tall and looked like an awesome leader that the world would choose.

God, instead, chose a short shepherd boy, who was a musician, to be the king.

God's ways are not man's ways.

God chose the son of Jesse from Bethlehem.

This line was prophesied in the Bible hundreds of years before Jesus came. Jesus was from the line of Jesse and David. Jesus was predicted to be born in Bethlehem.

God's plan was for the Messiah to come and save the world. No worldly king could do it, but Jesus did!

Sometimes we are scared and we do not know what to do. We should ask God or a godly person.

God is a God of clarity and not confusion. Samuel was scared of Saul's response and God gave him a plan.

What does a disciple of Christ do? They obey God.

Vs 6-13 Samuel sought the Lord for leadership and direction. God used Samuel.

We should seek to be disciplined to seek the Lord in everything for leadership and direction. When we do this, listen to Him, and obey Him, we get to see God move in us and impact others.

We may see someone who looks wonderful and attractive outwardly for a job, friendship, or a church, but God looks at the heart and cares about the heart. We must look at people's hearts.

What do you look at in your interactions with others? Do you see everyone as a soul in need of salvation; do you see a soul that you can encourage and love through life?

God chose David. From the line of David, Jesus would come.

God sent His Spirit to help, lead, and bless David. As Christians, the Spirit of God is in us. Do you ask the Spirit to lead you, guide you, gift you, and protect you? God can and does help us.

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1 Corinthians 12:1-14 *Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.*

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

Vs 14-23 Saul sought after himself and his own ways. God blessed and anointed a new king in David.

God loves us and is involved in our lives, but when we turn away from Him, God can and will lift His hand of blessing from us.

We should fear going our own way or chasing after the world instead of living for God.

God chose the king, blessed the king, and would help the king.

Saul sought to live and rule in an impetuous manner, so God disciplined him. God anointed the king, and then lifted His hand of blessing off of Saul.

In the Old Testament, we see the Spirit of God at work. In the New Testament, we learn that when we ask Christ to be our Lord and take control of our life, we are indwelt with the Spirit of God. An evil spirit can oppress, but not possess a Christian.

God sovereignly chose a gifted musician, who could calm Saul, to be the next king. God blessed, protected, and led David with The Holy Spirit. God used David not only to soothe Saul, but also to show him how the king should act and live.

David was brave. David could fight. David was wise and careful with what he said. God was with David.

When we choose a leader, we should look at character and not looks or worldly success. Godly leaders should show a godly life through godly words and godly character.

David was a good king. David was a man after God's own heart. David and Saul would fail as sinful men. We need a better king. *We need Jesus* to lead us, rule us, and protect us. **Is Jesus your King?**

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