

**God's Eyes versus Men's Eyes:
How God Sees Things Differently Than We Do
1 Samuel 16:1-13**

<p>1. God Assigns Samuel a <u>Task</u> (What)</p> <p>¹ Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons."</p>
<p>2. Samuel Tells God His <u>Worry</u></p> <p>² And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears <i>it</i>, he will kill me."</p>
<p>3. God Gives Samuel a <u>Plan</u> (How)</p> <p>And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'"³ "Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you."</p>
<p>4. Samuel <u>Obeys</u> God</p> <p>⁴ So Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Do you come peaceably?"</p> <p>⁵ And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.</p>
<p>5. Samuel <u>Says</u> What He <u>Sees</u></p> <p>⁶ So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD'S anointed <i>is</i> before Him."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saul (1 Sam 9:2) • Absalom (2 Sam 14:25)
<p>6. God Sees What Is <u>True</u></p> <p>⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For <i>the LORD does not see as man sees</i>; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."</p> <p><u>OUR HEART IS BROKEN BY SIN (WE CANNOT SEE WELL)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremiah 17:9-10 – The heart [is] deceitful above all [things], And desperately wicked; Who can know it? I, the LORD, search the heart, [I] test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings. • Matt 15:18-19 – But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

WHAT WE SEE MAY NOT BE TRUE (OUR EYES TELL LIES)

- Matt 23:27-28 – Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead [men's] bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.
- 2 Cor 5:12 – For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have [an answer] for those who boast in appearance and not in heart.
- 2 Cor 10:7 – Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If anyone is convinced in himself that he is Christ's, let him again consider this in himself, that just as he [is] Christ's, even so we [are] Christ's.

GOD COMMANDS US TO TRUST HIM, NOT OUR HEARTS OR OUR EYES

- Proverbs 3:5-6 – Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.
- John 7:24 – Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.
- James 2:1-4 – My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, [the Lord] of glory, with partiality. For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?
- Heb 3:12-13 – Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

7. God Chooses His King

- ⁸ So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."
- ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."
- ¹⁰ Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these."
- ¹¹ And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here."
- ¹² So he sent and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this *is* the one!"
- ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.