

Seeing With God's Eyes

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1 Samuel 16:1-7

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A New Era

- Started w/ Hannah's prayer - after being mocked^{1:5-6}
- Hannah foreshadows the book in her prayer^{2:3,7,9}
- Narrator uses word play: proud/tall^{2:3;9:2;16:7}

God Doesn't Operate by Human Reason

- Israel demanded a king^{8:5}; they got a tall one^{9:2}
- Israel already had God Almighty as King^{Exo6:7-8}
- Saul was anointed to lead Israel in fighting and obedience
- We ask, "how can God's people be led by a disobedient king?"

Samuel Grieves Over Saul's Disobedience

- God only rebukes for length of grief
- We should grieve over rebellion & disobedience^{Mt5:4}
- God calls Samuel to be part of His next plan for Israel^{16:1}

A Sovereign God does the Choosing

- God provided king for Myself^{16:1} among Jesse's sons
- Samuel reluctant due to crazy Saul^{14:44}
- God tells him to conceal his purposes – we aren't obligated to say everything
- Bethlehem elders are scared^{16:4} - prophet brings judgment^{15:33}
- Samuel calls elders, Jesse and sons^{16:5}
- Samuel immediately impressed with Eliab^{16:7}

God Teaches Samuel About His Ways

- God quickly answers Samuel^{16:7}
- Consider 16:7 from God's point of view...
For the Lord sees not as man sees; God & men think differently
- *2nd part literally: man sees with eyes; but the Lord looks with the heart*
- This is not telling us to work on having a good heart so God will accept us
- It is saying that God sees us with His heart (His mind/will)
- The way God sees things is reality – God purposed to raise up David to be His king
- See 16:1 *I have provided for myself a king among his sons*
- Saw this 13:14 *Lord sought out a man after His own heart*
- Saul's disobedience was to show we can earn God's merit
- God raised up unlikely David to be His King to accomplish His purposes.
- David wasn't perfect, but David's descendant Jesus was!
- David later affirms God's choice of him: 2 Sam 7:18-21
basically: God chose me for a particular purpose, not because I was better than anyone else or I was particularly godly, but that we might know how great God is!
- God likewise choose us for His own glory!
- God choose Israel for His own reasons Dt 7:6-8
- God's choice should encourage you Phil 2:12-13
- Are you elect? Do affirm Jesus as your Savior? Then Yes!
- Just like Abraham, those express faith are God's chosen^{Rom4:23-25} and should live for God's glory.