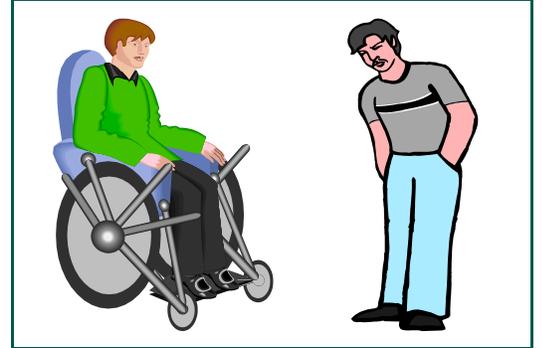


David Anointed King

1 Samuel 16

Which of these two would you choose for a friend? Why? The boy on the right steals from people. Would he make a good friend?

Did you look at the outward appearance to decide on a friend? In today's lesson we will learn that God looks at the heart and not the outward appearance as He chooses a new king to replace the now unbelieving Saul.



Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, Please bless the study of Your Word today in our class. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts and help me to share Your message of salvation with others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

David Anointed King - 1 Samuel 16

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."

{2} And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me."

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."

{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?"

{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.

{6} So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him."

{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 the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

{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.

{14} But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him.

{15} And Saul's servants said to him, "Surely, a distressing spirit from God is troubling you. {16} "Let our master now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well."

{17} So Saul said to his servants, "Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me."

{18} Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD is with him."

{19} Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." {20} And Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent them by his son David to Saul.

{21} So David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer. {22} Then Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Please let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight."

{23} And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.

Outer Aim - God chose a new believing king for His people.

What the Story Tells Us - Fill in the blanks using the words in the WORD BOX.

heart	David	Bethlehem	spirit	Samuel	8
	harp	Jesse	king	oil	

1. _____, the prophet, was to choose a new _____.
2. He went to the city of _____.
3. There he met _____ who had _____ sons.
4. The youngest son, _____, was chosen to be the new king.
5. God looked into David's _____ to choose him.
6. Samuel anointed David with _____ from a horn.
7. David later played his _____ for King Saul whenever Saul had a distressing _____.

Inner Aim - God knows all things, even the thoughts and intents of our heart.

What God Tells Us - Read the passage, then circle the words that are important when choosing a good friend or future spouse and cross off the words that are not important.

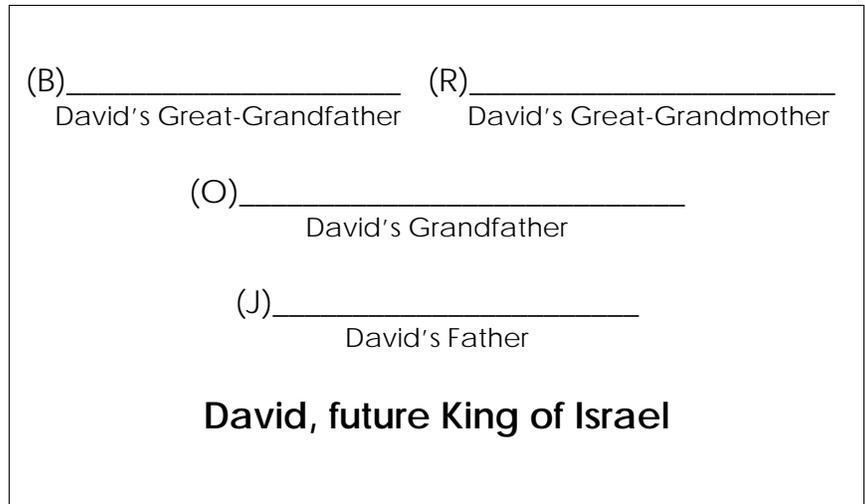
Read 1 Samuel 16:7 *"For man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."*

handsome		thin		rich
kind	God-fearing	pretty	strong	smart
tall	helpful	faithful	loving	obedient

Your Turn - Look at Ruth 4:13,17 below. That is the "family tree" of King David. Fill in the names of the people in David's family. There is a hint for each name.

Ruth 4:13 - So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son.

Ruth 4:17 - And they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David."



Passages - Discuss the following passages and how they apply to the lesson.

1 Samuel 16:7 - For man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

John 2:24-25 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

1 Corinthians 10:12 - Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

Hymn & Prayer - TLH #394 v. 1-3

My faith looks up to Thee;
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread, be Thou my Guide.
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside. Amen.