

WHAT DOES GOD SEE?
I Samuel 16:7

Intro:

After Israel entered into the land of Canaan they were governed for some 300+ years by Judges. Eventually, however, Israel began to cry for a "king." God told them that they would be sorry but allowed Samuel, the last real Judge, to anoint Saul as first king over Israel. After Saul failed in his leadership by disobeying God Samuel anointed the young man David to be next King over Israel. The circumstances surrounding this anointing are very interesting.

- I. Samuel goes to house of Jesse to anoint one of his sons.
 - A. Jesse has 7 sons.
 - B. Eliab was oldest and would have been the natural choice.
 - C. Eliab looked like everything a King should be.
 - D. Samuel wants to anoint him.

- II. God tells Samuel not to look on his countenance or physical appearance.
 - A. God does not look at physical beauty.
 - B. God looks on the heart.

- III. All of Jesse's other sons are brought before Samuel.
 - A. One by one they are refused.
 - B. Eventually they get to the 6th son and God says, "No."
 - C. Samuel asks if there was anyone else.

- IV. David was brought in but how could this be the Lord's anointed?
 - A. Was the youngest.
 - B. Was the most inexperienced.
 - C. Only leadership experience was leading sheep.
 - D. Wasn't most mature or strongest.
 - E. Was everything man would NOT have picked to be King.
 - F. God says this is the one.

- V. Lessons we can learn from this story.
 - A. God's criteria is not the same as mans.
 - B. God looks on the heart and not on the body.
 - C. We should not look at people as man looks at people.
 - D. We shouldn't underestimate the value of others.
 - E. We must come to see our potential as God sees our potential.

- VI. What did God see in David?
 - A. A man after God's own heart.
 - B. A man of humility.
 - C. A man with good motives.
 - D. A man of faith.
 - E. A man who loved God's law.
 - F. A sinner, yes a sinner, but one who realized that he needed God.

- VII. When others see a shepherd boy, God may see a king.
 - A. Only God and us know our potential.
 - B. Never underestimate yourself in God's service.
 - C. God can take the most common person to heights of glory in His cause.
 - D. No matter your physical handicaps, God can use you.