

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-7

For The Lord Does Not See As Man Sees

Samuel mourned for Saul all-night for the things he committed against God. 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." Since Samuel was afraid of Saul, he went to Bethlehem with a heifer according to the counsel of God. He said to the people in that town that he had come to sacrifice to the Lord and he made preparations for the same. He had invited Jesse and his sons to the sacrifice. When he saw Eliab, the first son of Jesse, being convinced of his personality, Samuel perceived that surely he was the one whom the Lord wants to anoint. But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Question:

If God looks at the heart and chooses people, how did he choose Saul?

Answer:

The right question! If we get back a little and remember the situation in which Saul was chosen, we can get a little more understanding. When God chose Saul, he was humble, obedient to parents and a youngster willing to honor elders. But when he received the blessings and authority, he defiled the heart that was renewed by God. You could raise another question asking "did not God knew that before?" After God had given mankind the freedom of self will, if God continues to take man's decisions, He would not be trust worthy. Therefore God reigns in the hearts of those who willingly come forward and surrender their hearts to Him. God will never intervene in the decision of a person unless he had prayed to God concerning it. Dear brother/sister, will you give your hearts to him?

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Prayer

Father, give us the grace to be humble until the end. All we have is from you, it all belongs to you.
Amen