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# Oaks Early Risers Bible Class

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**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

We can submit to the sovereign authority of the eternal Ruler we were made to follow, Jesus, because He is our living Judge and King of Kings

**PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:**

God gives us the power and the privilege to enjoy the rewards of doing things God's way

**SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK:**

In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes

**(Judges 21:25 NKJV)**

*(From "Our Daily Bread", Sept 14, 2017)*

**Series: God's Exceptional  
Choice**

**UNIT 3: We are God's Artwork**

**NEXT WEEK**

**God Picked You  
(Eph 1:1-14)**

## David Anointed as King 1 Sam 16:1-13

### Lesson Background and Introduction

God not only sees the heart itself, but He can also see deeper and discern its thoughts and intents. He knows each of us from the inside out. How wonderful and terrifying to be known by the Creator of the universe! God knew whom to choose to lead the people of Israel because He knew the character of the man He would choose. Samuel needed God's instructions in order to choose correctly. We too should seek God's wisdom when we need to evaluate people. When we judge by appearances only, we tend to overlook people who are just ordinary or seem to be of lesser abilities. We have movie stars and fashion models as our spokespersons and role models. We make them important because they are the "beautiful people," but we often give no thought to the lifestyle or character they espouse. "The world is full of idolatries, but I question if any idolatry has been more extensively practiced than the idolatry of the outward appearance" (Blaikie, The First Book of Samuel, Klock & Klock). How true this statement is! It was David's heart that made him a man after God's own heart, not his looks. Often a person who is good-looking is well aware of it and proud of his looks. Perhaps that is another reason that God sometimes passes by those with outward beauty. "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble" (James 4:6). Compare this to what Isaiah says about the coming Messiah: "He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him" (53:2). Even God's own Son did not have beauty to recommend Him, but He was and is the greatest of all.

*(Adapted from the Bible Expositor and Illuminator)*

God's choice transcended human expectations of royalty and testifies to the Lord's knowledge of the human heart. We are at a disadvantage when we make decisions based on what we see. And sight may not be limited to what we sense right before our eyes. We fear that war and persecution may come to us, that violence is blossoming all around; we dread the next hurricane or tornado or earthquake. We mourn the moral failings of our secular leaders and, especially, of Christian leaders. But like David, we have been anointed with the Spirit (2 Corinthians 1:21-22). And this Spirit leads us not into fear of what we see but with confidence in what we cannot see, hope in what we know by faith (5:7). Like Samuel, we do not often know the whole story or what we are meant to do many (or even a few) steps into the future. For the prophet, as for us, the Lord gives the information needed in order to be able to act in faith. We can work confidently when we are focused on becoming more like Jesus and calling others to love him as we do. When you look at the world, do not trust only your senses. Ask God for the heart to see what he sees, to see past all the terror and sin to his redeeming work and desire for the hearts of all people. May we pray as David did, "Create in me a pure heart, O God" (Psalm 51:10).

*(Adapted from the NIV Standard Lesson Commentary)*

## NOTES AND CROSS-REFERENCES

### **Preparations for Finding a Leader (1 Sam 16:1-5)**

#### *Seek God's direction and selection (1)*

- Because authority goes with those God's chooses (Hag 2:23)
- Because those God chooses, He also appoints, and they are the ones who bear fruit (John 15:16)
- Because God's selection is His chosen instrument (Acts 9:15)
- Because God has reasons for choosing certain people whether the world agrees or not (1 Cor 1:27-29)
- Because God wants people after His own heart (Acts 13:22)

#### *Seek God's protection (2)*

- Because God strengthens those who are fully committed to Him (2 Chron 16:9)
- Because God sends His angels to protect those who are representing Him (Dan 6:22)
- Because protection is the heritage of the servants of God (Isa 54:17)
- Because if God is for you, who can be against you (Rom 8:31)
- Because God is greater than the one who is in the world (1 John 4:4)
- Because God is with His people and they protect their own (Acts 18:9-10)
- Because God is with you wherever you go (Josh 1:9)

#### *Be obedient to God's guidance (3)*

- Obedient to ensure of going the right way (Isa 30:21)
- Obedient so that God will make the way lighted and smooth (Isa 42:16)
- Obedient to receive the promise of success (Isa 1:19)
- Obedient to receive the promise of life and being a child of God (Rom 8:12-14)
- Obedient in every detail (1 Sam 15:14-26)
- Obedient in spite of setbacks and the complaints of others (Ex 6:9-12)

#### *Pray for God's preparation of people (4-5)*

- God prepares people so they can be witnesses (Acts 10:1-6, 19-20)
- God prepares people so they can intercede (1 Sam 25:14-17, 32-34)
- God prepares people so they can provide the conduit of healing (Acts 9:3-11)
- God prepares people pray for the receptiveness of God's word (Col 4:2-5)

### **Selection of a Leader (1 Sam 16:6-11)**

#### *Don't use worldly views (6-7)*

- Because using worldly views do not consider the new creation in a person (2 Cor 5:16-17)
- Because in Jesus there are no distinctions (Col 3:11)
- Because we shouldn't show favoritism (James 2:1)
- Because it would be judging with evil thoughts (James 2:2-4)
- Because Jesus does not judge by human standards (John 8:15-16)
- Because God accepts all men who fear Him and do right (Acts 10:34-35)
- Because it puts stumbling blocks in other's way (Rom 14:13)
- Because worldly views don't result in right judgments (John 7:24)
- Because worldly views depend on surface things (2 Cor 10:7)

#### *Seek God's view, which is an inward review (7)*

- Because God's thoughts and ways are superior to man's (Isa 55:8-9)
- Because God knows the heart (Luke 16:15)
- Because God understands the motive behind the thoughts and actions (1 Chron 28:9)
- Because God searches the heart and examines the mind (Jer 17:10)
- Because nothing is hidden from God (Heb 4:13)

#### *Realize that there may be many rejections (8-10)*

- Rejections because of not doing what is right (Gen 4:3-7)
- Rejections because of not doing the will of God (Matt 7:21-23)
- Rejections because the world hates righteousness (John 15:18-19)
- Rejections because Jesus was rejected (1 Peter 2:6-8)
- Rejections, but through perseverance, getting what is needed (Luke 11:5-8)

#### *Wait on God and His timing (11)*

- Wait on God with hope (Ps 130:5-6)
- Wait on God with boldness (Ps 27:14)
- Wait on God patiently (Ps 37:7)
- Wait on God for deliverance (Prov 20:22)
- God does things when the time is fully right (Gal 4:4)
- God's timing is totally different than man's (2 Peter 3:8)
- Man should consider God's time (Ps 90:12)

### **A Faithful Leader Must be Anointed by God (1 Sam 16:12-13)**

#### *God's selected ones are always anointed (12)*

- Anointed to strengthen and sustain (Ps 89:20-21)
- Anointed to seal and to ensure the Holy Spirit is in the heart (2 Cor 1:21-22)
- Anointed to know the truth (1 John 2:20)
- Anointed to understand the truth (1 John 2:27)
- Anointed to identify and confirm protection (1 Sam 26:9)

#### *The Holy Spirit works in those who are anointed (13)*

- The Holy Spirit works in the anointed to help them speak the words of God (John 3:34)
- The Holy Spirit works in the anointed to empower (Acts 1:8)
- The Holy Spirit works in the anointed to testify about being God's child (Rom 8:15-16)
- The Holy Spirit works in the anointed to administer gifts (1 Cor 12:11)
- The Holy Spirit works in the anointed for the common good (1 Cor 12:7)
- The Holy Spirit works in the anointed to renew and cleanse (Titus 3:5)