

19. David Chosen By God

Quote: "But Yahweh said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for Yahweh seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but Yahweh looketh on the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7

Would You Have Chosen David? (Mark above 1 Samuel 16)

- Came from Bethlehem - "little among the thousands of Judah" (Micah 5:2).
- Considered the least in his father's house (1 Sam 16:5-12).
- The Jews would have considered his lineage to be tainted (see 1 Chron 2:3-15):
 - Pharez was an illegitimate child (Gen 38:16, 27-30).
 - Was of Gentile blood (ie - Rahab (Gentile harlot), and Ruth (Moabite). See Deut 23:3; cp Isa 56:1-8).

David was Yahweh's choice whereas Saul was the people's choice. Yahweh's criteria for choosing are different to mans' (see 1 Sam 16:7; 13:14).

The scriptures bear out the wisdom of Yahweh's choice. They show David to be:

- Probably not tall (1 Sam 16:7).
- Red haired, bright eyed, graceful appearance (1 Sam 16:12).
- Strong (Psa 18:33-34).
- Gifted in music (1 Sam 16:18).
- Courageous, yet disciplined in action, discreet in speech (1 Sam 16:18).
- A man after God's own heart (1 Sam 13:14). Not because he is without fault, but because he bows to the will of God in faith.
- Loved righteousness and hated iniquity (Psa 45:7).

Verse By Verse Marking

1 Samuel 16:1 - "**I have rejected him**" - the reasons are given in ch 13:13-14; and ch 15:22-23.

"I have provided me a king" - The people were not consulted or informed. It contrasts with the choosing of Saul (1 Sam 8:5).

"provided" - has the idea to select something which one has examined or inspected. Used of the lamb in Genesis 22:8.

1 Samuel 16:6 - **"Eliab"** - means "Ail is my Father".

1 Samuel 16:7 - **"countenance"** - The part of a person visible to the eye (ie face etc). ie - "Vashti was fair to **look on**" (Est 1:11)

"height of his stature" - refers to a high or exalted stature. Eliab would have had a kingly figure like Saul (see 1 Sam 10:23).

"refused" - same word as "rejected" in v1. Eliab began similar to Saul, but later appears to have been reformed. See 1 Chron 27:18 (Note: Elihu is actually Eliab).

"Yahweh seeth not as man seeth" - See Isa 55:8-9; 2 Cor 10:18.

"for man looketh on the outward appearance, but Yahweh looketh on the heart" - Literally - "man looks **with** his eyes, but Yahweh looks **with** the heart". In due time, Yahweh was shown to be right. See Acts 13:22; Matt 12:34-35; Luke 6:43-45.

1 Samuel 16:11 - **"youngest"** - means - young, small, insignificant or unimportant. This was how they viewed David. Not important enough to bring to a feast. Same as "little" (1 Sam 15:17)

"keepeth the sheep" - A lowly position, but one Yahweh has taken upon himself (Psa 23:1; 80:1), as did Christ (Jn 10:14). Yahweh was preparing David to become a Shepherd King (Psa 78:70-72).

1 Samuel 16:12 - **"ruddy"** - means red, or reddish.

"Beautiful countenance" - Diff word to v7. See mgn - "fair of eyes". JB has "with fine eyes and pleasant bearing". His face and bearing proclaimed that here was a young man who was open and honest". This was the **way** David presented himself. It is different to the countenance and stature that Samuel was deceived by in v7.

1 Samuel 16:13 - **"anointed him in the midst of his brethren"** - see Psa 45:7 which shows David to be a type of Christ (cp Heb 1:9).

Optional Extra: Mark the table on the bottom of p 135 of your lesson book into your Bible at the bottom of 1 Samuel 16.

DAVID AND HIS GREATER SON
The following chart sets out a brief parallel between David and Jesus Christ, up to this early stage of David's life.

DAVID	JESUS CHRIST
Revealed in the house of Jesse in Bethlehem by Samuel whose work parallels John the Baptist's (Lesson 15)	David's greater son born in Bethlehem (Luke 2:4) and revealed as Messiah by John the Baptist (John 1:29, 31, 36)
Literally a shepherd, and thereby prepared to lead Israel (Psa. 78:70-72)	A shepherd of men (Mark 6:34; Isa. 40:11), the Good Shepherd who would lay down his life for his sheep (John 10:11)
Least esteemed among his brethren	His brethren did not believe on him (Psa. 69:7-9; Isa. 53:2-4; John 7:5)
Anointed with the Spirit - symbolised by anointing oil	Anointed with the Spirit at his baptism (Matt. 3:16-17) and, when resurrected, made "Christ" - "the anointed" (Acts 2:36)

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