1 Samuel Lesson 11 (2020)

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1 Samuel 16:1-23

Key Verse: 16:12-13

**Open it:**

1. Why physical characteristics tend to attract public attention and inspire respect among the people you know?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verses 1-3. What was Samuel doing for Saul? (1a) How did the Lord direct Samuel in choosing the new king? (1-3) What was the potential danger of anointing a new king while Saul remained as the king of Israel?
2. Read verses 4-5. How did Samuel obey? (4) How did the elders of Bethlehem react to Samuel’s sudden visit? (5) How did Samuel reply to them? (5)
3. Read verses 6-7. Who impressed Samuel at first? (6) What was Samuel’s initial conclusion? (Samuel may have been trying to find someone who looked tall and impressive like Saul to be Israel’s next king.) How did God warn Samuel against judging by appearance alone? (7)
4. Read verses 8-11. How many sons did Jesse have them pass in front of Samuel? (8-10) What did Samuel say to each of them? Which son was not there? (11) Why not?
5. Read verses 12-13. How is David described? (12a, 18) What did God say to Samuel? (12b) Who chose David as the next king of Israel? (1b, 12b) What happened when David was anointed? (13, Acts 1:8)
6. Read verses 14-16. What were the consequences of Saul’s disobedience to God? (14) How did he attempt to alleviate his tormented soul? (15-16)
7. Read verses 17-23. How did David become Saul’s attendant? What job did Saul give to David? (21) How did God train David under Saul to become the next king after his own heart? Though we have God’s plan, why do we have to wait on God’s time? (Gen. 21:1)

**Apply it:**

1. God judges by faith and character, not appearance. What steps should we take to build our inner character?