

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF 1 SAMUEL

[PART 26] THE HEART THAT MAKES A BOY A MAN

Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1 - 14

Introduction

- The Biblical stage of 1 Samuel is approx. 1000 years before Christ.
- So far we have seen all manner of characters come onto the stage.
- At last, in our reading, the lead character (David) makes his entrance.

1 Introduction To David

- David's name occurs 1139 times, 59 of which are in the new testament.
- David means, **'beloved of God.'**
- He was one of the major celebrities of the whole Bible.
- The Lord Jesus descended from him.
- His father was **'Jesse'** and he had at least 7 brothers and a sister named **'Zeruiah'** [1 Samuel 26:6].
- The family home was in the town of Bethlehem located 5 miles south of Jerusalem.
- He is remembered as, **'the man after God's own heart.'**

2 God Always Has His Man/Woman For The Hour

- He often has them concealed in the unlikeliest of places.
- Consider Moses, Saul of Tarsus, Martin Luther, William Tyndale, William Carey.
- God needs a king and he finds a boy minding sheep. [Consider Psalm 89:19 - 20].
- God often takes weak things to take on strong things. [Consider 1 Corinthians 1:26 - 29].

- Don't think '**God could never use you.**'
- God's choice is often people just doing ordinary things.
[Consider Psalm 78:70 - 71].
- Don't despise the day or the place of small things. That's where God finds His men/women.

3 How Does God Measure A Man/Woman?

- We measure/evaluate people in many various ways.
- But how does God measure a man or a woman?
- He measures them by the condition of '**their heart.**'
- The heart refers too the emotions, the will, the intellect and our desires.
[Proverbs 23:7].
- Consider the key text: [16:7] '**the Lord looks on the heart.**'
- Consider strongly, [1 Samuel 13:14].
- Seven who looked impressive on the outside were refused and the least impressive was chosen.
- There are men with boy's hearts and boys with men's hearts.

4 God's Plan A

- David was actually 8th choice or Plan H.
- But he was always God's Plan A.
- Notice how the word '**chosen**' is used 3 times in [vs 8, 9 and 10].
- God is God and it is His right to choose how He pleases.
- He choose David but he did not chose Eliab or Abinadab.
- Hallelujah He chose you and He chose me. [John 15: 16].
- He chose Israel as His people and not the Philistines.
- He chose the sinful Saul of Tarshish but He did not chose to save Caiaphas or Pontius Pilate.
- [Romans 9] The Potter has power over the clay.
- Who are we to say, '**why have you made me thus?**'
- God as supreme God can choose who he likes and He does.
- Give Him thanks that He has chosen you.

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