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Unit II: Out of Slavery to Nationhood

Topic: The Heart of a Leader

Text: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Key Verse:

The LORD said unto Samuel, look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart (1 Samuel 16:7, KJV).

Lesson Pointers:

- 1) It's a Matter of the Heart (1 Samuel 16:1-7).
- 2) Listening to GOD'S Voice (1 Samuel 16:8-13).

Introduction:

The heart of an individual can be described as vital organ of the human body that helps provide or sustain life. In other words, the heart is a muscle that receives oxygenated blood and pumps it throughout the body, to nourish and to protect it. Now, the heart of a Christian is their mind, where the LORD GOD sets on the throne of the believer, and the conscience of the human is the soul of the human; this is why the LORD GOD said to Samuel that the LORD GOD does not looketh at man as man looketh; for man looketh at the outward appearance but the LORD GOD looketh at the heart.

Lesson Pointer # 1:

- It's a Matter of the Heart (1 Samuel 16:1-7)

Samuel learned that the LORD GOD is concerned with an individual's heart, the action, and desires of the individual and not on the outward appearances. Samuel was mourning for Saul because of Saul disobedience to follow the LORD GOD'S instructions (Read 1 Samuel 15:). So, the LORD GOD asked Samuel how long will thy mourn for Saul being that the LORD GOD had rejected him (Saul) from being king over Israel. Then the LORD GOD instructs Samuel to fill his horn with oil, and go, to the house of Jesse the Bethlehemite, for there the LORD GOD will provide HIM a king among his (Jesse's) sons (1 Samuel 16:1). Samuel asked the LORD GOD how he should go, knowing that if Saul hears of him coming, Saul will kill him; but the LORD GOD said to Samuel take a heifer with you, and say, that you come to sacrifice to the LORD GOD. Now it is important that we understand that the LORD GOD did not tell Samuel to be deceptive, but rather to combine the anointing with the business of sacrificing (1 Samuel 16:2). Now, the LORD GOD instructed Samuel to invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and there the LORD GOD would show Samuel what to do, and Samuel will anoint unto the LORD GOD him whom the LORD GOD name unto Samuel (1 Samuel 16:3). Samuel did as the LORD GOD has said

and went to Bethlehem, and the people or elders of the town trembled at Samuel's present in Bethlehem, saying do you come in peace (1 Samuel 16:4). Samuel answers the elders by saying that he come peaceably, that he has come to sacrifice unto the LORD GOD, and said unto the elders, come with me to the sacrifice (1 Samuel 16:5). Now, when they arrived, Samuel looked on Eliab, saying, surely the LORD GOD'S anointed is before me (1 Samuel 16:6). But the LORD GOD said unto Samuel look not upon his heigh or countenance for the LORD GOD has refused him (1 Samuel 16:7).

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Lesson Pointer # 2:

- **Listening to GOD'S Voice (1 Samuel 16: 8-13)**

Jesse presents his seven sons before Samuel, but they were all eliminated one by one because they were not acceptable to the LORD GOD for this purpose (1 Samuel 16:8-10). Samuel asks Jesse is these all his sons; Jesse says that there is one left, the youngest, and he is keeping the sheep, Samuel says fetch him, because we will not sit until he comes (1 Samuel 16:11). Jesse sent for him, and brought him (the youngest son) in. Now the youngest son was ruddy (red in face), and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look upon. The LORD GOD said unto Samuel, arise, anoint him: for this is he (1 Samuel 16:12). Listening to the LORD GOD voice, Samuel took of the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD GOD came upon David from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:13). Now when one listen to the LORD GOD'S voice, and obey the LORD GOD'S instruction, and completes the task that was given, then one can move on to the next assignment that the LORD GOD gives. It is important to obey the LORD GOD before moving onto a new assignment; finish what the LORD GOD has given you to do.

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Lesson Nuggets:

- 1) **Know that the Believers heart is his mind, and his conscience is his soul.**
- 2) **Never look at the outer appearance of and individual, rather look at the heart.**
- 3) **Obey the LORD GOD and follow HIS instructions.**
- 4) **Listen not to your own voice but rather, listen to the voice of the LORD GOD, whose words will never return unto HIM void.**
- 5) **Finish what the LORD GOD have given you to do, before moving to a new assignment.**