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Lesson 9 The Heart of a Leader
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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 Aims:

As a result of experiencing this lesson, you should be able to do these things:

- 1. Compare humans' standards of choosing a leader with God's standards.**
- 2. Value living with a heart that is pleasing to God.**
- 3. Practice living with a heart that is pleasing to God.**

Key Terms:

- 1. Anointed - set apart; consecrated; person(s) or object(s) set apart for divine use.**
- 2. Consecrated – set apart; became holy; “sanctified” (KJV).**
- 3. Fill – to be or become full; to fill.**
- 4. Heart – inner man, mind, will; courage; desire.**
- 5. Name – to utter, say; declare; “indicate” (NIV).**
- 6. Reigning – to be or become king or queen; ruling; “be king” (NIV).**
- 7. Sacrifice – to slaughter for sacrifice; to offer.**

Introduction

Physically, we cannot overstate the importance of the heart. It's a vital organ of the body (It sustains life!). Metaphorically, the heart is the subject of literature, songs, and symbolism; (Have a heart, with all my heart) The heart also designates persons and things: A person “my heart.” The centerpiece of something (The heart) God inspired those men who recorded HIS Word to use the heart to represent the core of man's being. There are more than eight hundred references to the heart, referring to man's mental and moral activity. (Matthew 15: 19-20; Romans 2:15; Acts 15:9) personal life. Divine Influence, the hidden man (1 Peter 3:4), references to the heart. Biological life (Acts 14:17; James 5:5), Moral nature, Spiritual nature, Grief Joy (John 14:1; Romans 9:2; 2 Corinthians 2:4; John 16:22; Ephesians 5:19). The heart is figuratively used to represent the conscience, intentions, purpose, and will (Acts 2:37; 1 John 3:20; Hebrews 4:12; Acts 11:23; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Romans 6:17; Colossians 3:15). If you are going to serve and worship HIM, you must have hearts that relate to HIM. HE looks behind the smile, actions and assesses the heart. Sincerity, HIS primary concern is the heart!

The Biblical Context:

Israel's acceptance of Saul as their first human king proved disastrous for them. Looking at the outer appearance of his EGO, and he began to edge God out, setting himself up for downfall. Samuel warned them the people they would suffer if they chose to sin. Samuel grieved for Saul, but had to move on. God replaced Saul with someone with the heart God wanted.

Lesson Pointer # 1

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

Samuel mourned for Saul (1 Samuel 15:35), the one who had been rejected by God. He had a kind of faithfulness to Saul, knowing that His Heart wasn't right. God told Samuel to leave, but Samuel feared for his life if he did. But God and only God instructed him on what to do. Go, and say I come to sacrifice unto the Lord. (Don't be afraid) (Read 1 Corinthians 3:16-17). In Bethlehem he called Jesse and his sons, to the sacrifice and sanctified them. Samuel saw Eliab and said, surely the Lord's anointed is before him. The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looks at the outer appearance only, he saw someone that the Lord had rejected. Samuel a type of leader who placed people's need first, allowed God to direct his Heart, so off to Bethlehem he went under the cover of offering sacrifices. His visit was unexpected and was thought to be some judgement against them.

Lesson Pointer # 2

- **Listening to God's Voice (1 Samuel 16:8-13)**

When we are told to do something by God through the Holy Spirit we must listen. Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel, but neither were they chosen by the Lord (1 Samuel 16:8-10). Jesse was asked if this were all of his sons, no was the reply, there's one younger than all of these (1 Samuel 16:11), so young I thought not to present him, he's keeping the sheep. His looks (outer appearance) would make you think he's not the one. Listening to God's voice arise anoint him for this is He! (1 Samuel 16:12), with the aid and guidance of the Holy Spirit, this young shepherd boy would mature and become Israel's king. The church needs spiritual leaders with a Heart for the need of God's people, rather than politics, power, and prestige. We need more prayer meetings to hear and listen to God's voice than business meetings. God still speaks through the indwelling Holy Spirit, and His Word. HIS Word contains all we need to know about HIS standards for spiritual leadership. Believers invest quality time and effort in studying and applying the word. Persist in prayer and practice yielding to the Holy Spirit directions.

Question:

1. **Where is your Heart?**
2. **Is it determined by the physical or outer appearance we see, or is it that center core that God truly knows?????**