

The Anointed King: Anticipation For A Forever King Begins

Do You See As the Lord Sees?

1 Samuel 16-17

Main Idea

God calls us to trust Him and His word seeing the world as He sees not as man sees.

Overview

- **God Chooses an Unlikely King** (1 Samuel 16:1-13)
 - God has rejected Saul from being king, but has provided for himself a king among the sons of Jesse
 - All of Jesse's sons are presented before Samuel, but the Lord rejects each one of them
 - The Lord will not choose His king according to human standards
 - He will choose a king who is after his own heart (cf. 1 Sam. 13:14)
 - There remains the youngest son, who is out keeping the sheep
 - Samuel calls for this youngest, and this son is the one God anointed to be king
 - He is the anointed shepherd king from Bethlehem (should ring in our ears of another distant descendant from Bethlehem who will be God's forever anointed King)

- **God Sovereignly Previews David's Kingship** (1 Samuel 16:14-23)
 - Whereas verse 13 says the Spirit is upon David, verse 14 says the Spirit has departed Saul – instead the Lord sends an evil spirit to torment Saul
 - Remember God sending this spirit is a consequence for Saul's sin
 - This shows God's absolute utter sovereignty over all things
 - We have to have a category in our mind for God being sovereign over evil without being morally responsible for that evil (cf. Gn. 50:20; Acts 2:23; 4:28; Rom. 8:28)
 - These verses unveil the transfer of divine blessing from Saul to David
 - Though Saul is still technically king, he is already dependent upon David – in this way, David is shown to be superior.

- **God's Anointed King Shows He Sees as the Lord Sees** (1 Samuel 17)
 - The Israelites are going to do battle with the Philistines yet again – God has promises to deliver His people from them (1 Sam. 7:3; 9:15-16).
 - The Israelites see as man sees – they see Goliath and retreat in fear
 - David sees as the Lord sees – he sees Goliath as just another uncircumcised Philistine who is mocking his God
 - David, when no one else will, says he will fight Goliath
 - David is driven by two things (verse 46):
 - He is passionate about the glory of God being known
 - He is confident in the promises of God to save
 - This story is not about fighting our giants, but about seeing
 - David, points us to the greater David, Jesus Christ
 - This story is not primarily about the fights that we need to struggle to win; it's about the fight that Jesus single handedly already won
 - Jesus, the eternal Son of God, is God's anointed shepherd King from Bethlehem who stood in the gap for us when we were afraid and helpless to

fight our enemy; he came to the battlefield of our lives and cut off the head of our enemy

Questions

Discussion Starter: *Why do we typically read the story of David & Goliath and put ourselves at the center (i.e. "What giants to you need to fight?")*

1. Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13. What is surprising about God's choice for the next king of Israel?
2. Verse 7 is a pivotal verse in Samuel (and about the character of God as a whole). What does it mean? What are some ways in your life that you see as man sees not as the Lord sees? How does this verse challenge you? Comfort you?
3. Read 1 Samuel 16:13-23. What do these verses tell you about the nature of sin, the sovereignty/character of God?
4. Read 1 Samuel 17:1-11. Why are the Israelites afraid despite God's promises to protect them? How are you similar?
5. Read 17:31-37. What do you learn from these verses about why David was prepared to trust God as he was? What in your history has prepared you to trust God? How can you actively call that to mind?
6. Read 17:41-47. How does David's ability to "see" God as present with him in this battle enable him to overcome barriers to fighting Goliath? Cite the different hurdles and fears David had to overcome.
7. According to verse 46, what motivates David to fight? What does this look like in your life?
8. How does chapter 17 anticipate Christ?

Accountability question: What are some ways you are acting like the Israelites (fearful of man & not trusting in God) or like Goliath (trusting in the things of the world for salvation/satisfaction)? How does Christ, the forever-anointed King, help you see God?