

"God Sees What We Don't"

1 Samuel 16:1-13

*"Resolved, never henceforward, till I die, to act as if I were anyway my own, but entirely and altogether God's."
(Jonathan Edwards)*

*"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance."
(Ecclesiastes 3:1-4)*

- A time to weep and to mourn: 1 Samuel 15:35-16:1
 - Samuel loved Saul and Samuel loved the people of Israel (1 Samuel 12:23-24). The role of the spiritual leader is never condemnation of people's sins and failures, but instead is moved to mourning and grieving....*"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you."* (Hebrews 13:17)
- God's plan and God's grace: 1 Samuel 16:1-5
 - *"...for I have provided for Myself a king..."*: The word "provided" could also be translated "to see." God is going to call a king for His purposes. *"Our God is in the heavens; He does all that He pleases"* (Psalm 115:3). *"He changes times and seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding"* (Daniel 2:21).
 - *"How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me."*: God, in His grace, always has a provision to help comfort us in our difficulties....*"fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand"* (Isaiah 41:10). *"So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited"* (2 Corinthians 12:7).
 - *"And invite Jesse to the sacrifice..."*: God's plan is absolutely amazing! This plan for David to be king is tied all the way back to Boaz and Ruth....*"Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David"* (Ruth 4:21-22). *"But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by His grace..."* (Galatians 1:15).
 - *"Samuel did what the LORD commanded..."*: Throughout all of the book of 1 Samuel we see Samuel being an example of what it looks like to be transformed by the power of God; he obeys the LORD no matter the risk or cost....*"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments"* (John 14:15). *"So therefore, anyone of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple"* (Luke 14:33).
- How God sees and how we see: 1 Samuel 16:6-13
 - *John Woodhouse* (Old Testament Theologian) argues that the literal translation of 1 Samuel 16:7 should be *"...but the LORD looks according to his heart"*. He appeals to 1 Samuel 13:14 and 2 Samuel 7:21 to find a similar understanding. He argues that the choosing of God is not because of what He finds in man's heart, but because that man is in the heart of God, namely, to be used according to the counsel of God's will. Therefore, God did not choose David because David was worthy to be called, but because of God's purposes for David.
 - *"For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God choose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God."* (1 Corinthians 1:26-29)

(continued →)

- *“In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will...For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 1:11; 2:10)*
- *“Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.” (Psalm 37:3-6)*
- *“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:8-9). “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways. ‘For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?...For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen” (Romans 11:33-36).*

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** *This is the LAST DAY* that we are collecting monetary donations for Shannon and Vikki Bobb, a missionary couple that is currently living and serving in Cambodia. For more information about them and the work they are currently doing, please see the sign on the back table. There is a container on the back table, beside the offering box, to collect your monetary donations. You can also donate via Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for the Bobbs when you do so!

★**PUMPKIN PATCH: LADIES,** we are planning a Ladies Pumpkin Patch Fellowship Outing THIS Saturday, October 1st, at 2pm. If you are interested in going, please let Courtney Dees know!

★**COMMUNION:** We will be celebrating and partaking of communion together THIS Sunday, October 2nd, together as a church body.

★**MEMBERS MEETING:** We will be having a Members Meeting THIS Sunday, October 2nd, to discuss and vote on the potential move to the church building across the street. If you are currently a church member, please plan on staying for this important meeting!

★**HOUSEWARMING POTLUCK AND BONFIRE:** On Saturday, October 15th, at 3pm everyone is invited to the housewarming potluck and bonfire at Frank and Kira Carter’s residence (8855 Township Road 57 NE; Roseville). Hotdogs will be provided, please bring a food item to share and your own lawn chair! Please RSVP to Kira (740)475-9935.