

This morning I direct your attention to the first book of Samuel in the OT. We will look at 1 Sam. 16. I will read the first few verses. (Reading text vs. 1-7). You all know what happened after that. The others sons were brought one after another until seven sons had come, and of every one the Lord said, This is not the one whom I have chosen. And then Sam. said to Jesse, Do you have anyother sons? Oh yea, there is a little fellow out there taking care of the sheep. He said, Somebody has to ~~the~~ take care of the sheep, and he is the least important. We didn't bother to have him come to the sacrifice. Well Sam. said, I won't go fruther till he comes. And then went and they got the little fellow. And they brought him in, and the Lord said unto Samuel, This is one. And Sam. anointed David to be king. Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart.

The contrast between these two fellows -- Eliab, big, strong, tall, attractive, seemingly an ideal man for a king, and that little stripling David, is brought out very clearly in the next chapter. We read in ch. 17 how Goliath faced the forces of Israel, and Goliath challenged them to send out a champion to meet him. And we read in vs. 15 how David returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. And we read of how he heard of what was happening, and Jesse told him to take some gifts to his brothers, and so ~~Sam~~ David went with these presents, and when David came and saw what was happening he was astonished. No one dared to meet that great giant Goliath. David said to the men that stood by him, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should ~~f~~ defy the armies of the living God? And Eliab heard it, and in vs. 28 we find the contrast between the two men. Vs. 28: (reading text vs. 28-29). Look at the contrast between the two men. Here was Eliab -- proud, strong, attractive, handsome. But he did not dare to go out and face Goliath. Here was David -- no armor, no training for war. He'd only protected his sheep against the bear and ~~agat~~ against the lions. He had done these menial tasks, and who was he to go and face the Philistine? But David said, "Is there not a cause?" Man looks on the outward appearance. Man sees Eliab. Man says, There's the man that ought to be king. But God looks at the heart, and God saw the heart of David. A heart that put God's cause first, and was willing to hazzard everything in order that God's purposes might be accomplished. As we look on in the history of David, we find in