

Lesson V.

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1 Samuel 16 : 1-13. Commit to memory vs. 11, 12. Read 1 Samuel, ch. 16.

GOLDEN TEXT—Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.—1 Samuel 16 : 7.

1 And the LORD said unto Sam'uel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Is'rael? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jes'se the Beth'-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

2 And Sam'uel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

3 And call Jes'se to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

4 And Sam'uel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth'-lehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jes'se and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eli'ab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.

7 But the LORD said unto Sam'uel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature;

Revised Version—¹being king over; ²city came to meet him trembling; ³rejected; ⁴And Jesse; ⁵upon; ⁶spirit; ⁷mightily.

LESSON PLAN

I. The Prophet's Errand, 1-5.

II. The Lord's Choice, 6-13.

DAILY READINGS

(By courtesy of I. B. R. Association)

M.—David anointed at Bethlehem, 1 Sam. 16 : 1-13. T.—David brought to Saul, 1 Sam. 16 : 14-23. W.—Heart-searching, Jer. 17 : 5-11. Th.—God's thoughts, Isa. 55 : 1-11. F.—God's knowledge, Ps. 139 : 1-12. S.—God's anointing, Ps. 89 : 19-29. S.—God's choice, 1 Cor. 1 : 20-31.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 97. What is required to the worthy receiving of the Lord's supper? A. It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of

because I have ³refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

8 Then Jes'se called Abin'adab, and made him pass before Sam'uel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

9 ⁴Then Jes'se made Sham'mah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

10 Again, Jes'se made seven of his sons to pass before Sam'uel. And Sam'uel said unto Jes'se, The LORD hath not chosen these.

11 And Sam'uel said unto Jes'se, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Sam'uel said unto Jes'se, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look ⁵to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

13 Then Sam'uel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren; and the ⁶Spirit of the LORD came ⁷upon Da'vid from that day forward. So Sam'uel rose up, and went to Ra'mah.

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their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

The Question on Missions—5. How is a minister supported? The people to whom he preaches are asked to give what they can towards his salary; and usually they give liberally. A grant ranging from \$50 to \$250 a year is given from the Home Mission Fund, so that the missionary may have enough to live on.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, Ps. Sel. 46 (Supplemental Lesson); 109; 104; 31 (Ps. Sel.); 116 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 111.

Special Scripture Reading—Matt. 2 : 1-11, another errand to Bethlehem. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.) It is expected that each scholar will have his or her Bible, and so be prepared to take part in this reading, which may form part of the opening exercises of the School.

EXPOSITION

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Time and Place—Soon after Saul's rejection, not long before B.C. 1000 (according to Ussher's chronology, given in the Margin of the English Bible, B.C. 1079); Samuel's home at Ramah, and David's at Bethlehem.

Connecting Links—After the fateful encounter at Gilgal (last Lesson, 1 Sam. 15), Samuel saw Saul no more till the day of his death, ch. 15 : 35. He grieved for Saul, and seeing him would only open up the old wound. In the prime of life, Saul was a goodly man; "there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he", head and shoulders above all the people, ch. 9 : 2. But Saul had been weighed in the balances and

found wanting, and Samuel in his old age was a disappointed man.

I. The Prophet's Errand, 1-5.

V. 1. *How long wilt thou mourn?* Jehovah reproves Samuel. Had he not announced to Saul the Lord's purpose, that to another better than he would be given the kingdom (see ch. 15 : 28)? His grief for Saul, indeed, was natural, and not for this does Jehovah blame him, but for the rebellion of heart against the divine purpose (see ch. 15 : 26). *Fill thine horn with oil*; likely the very horn used in anointing Saul (ch. 10 : 1) was to be used again. In later times, an anointing horn was part of the furniture of Jehovah's

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