

Lesson V.

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1 Sam. 16 : 4-13. Study 1 Sam. 16 : 1-13—Memory Verses, 11-13.

Golden Text—Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.—1 Sam. 16 : 7.



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 ; 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.

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

9 Then 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 to. 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 Spirit of the LORD came upon Da'vid from that day forward. So Sam'uel rose up, and went to Ra'mah.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Before long the Lord told Samuel how and where he should find the new king.

Then Samuel filled a horn with sacred oil. This oil was used only when some one was anointed or set apart by God for a great and holy work. Then Samuel went down to Bethlehem.

When the elders of Bethlehem heard that God's messenger had come, they were afraid. But Samuel soon quieted them, saying that his visit was one of peace. However, he did not tell the townspeople the whole of his errand, but invited them to join with him the next day in holding a great public sacrifice and feast to the Lord.

Then Samuel went at once to Jesse's house, to invite him and his son to the sacrifice, for which he stayed and helped them to prepare.

Now Jesse had many grown-up sons, and as they were called in one by one to greet the prophet, Samuel looked to see which of them was best suited to be king.

The first to come before Samuel was Eliab, so strong and tall and handsome that Samuel thought at once he must be the man. But the Lord said, "Good looks are not everything. Man looks only on the outside, but I, the Lord, can see the heart, and I have refused him."

And Jesse introduced each of his seven sons to Samuel, but of each one Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen him."

And Samuel said to Jesse, "Have you any more sons?" "Yes," answered Jesse, "I have another son, but he is a mere lad and is away looking after the sheep."

Then Samuel said, "Hurry and fetch him,