

David

God Picks the Runt

1 Samuel 16:6-23; Psalm 39

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⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is before him.”

⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”

⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”

¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.”

¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.”

¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.”

¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers.

1. God picks the _____.

2. The _____ had a _____ heart.

Psalm 39:1-3a

¹ I said, “I will guard my ways, that I may not sin with my tongue; I will guard my mouth with a muzzle, so long as the wicked are in my presence.”

² I was mute and silent; I held my peace to no avail, and my distress grew worse.

³ My heart became hot within me. As I mused, the fire burned;

3. The _____ had a _____ heart.

Psalm 39:3b-6

then I spoke with my tongue:

⁴“O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!

⁵Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath! *Selah*

⁶Surely a man goes about as a shadow! Surely for nothing they are in turmoil; man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather!

4. The _____ had a _____ heart.

Psalm 39:7

⁷“And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.

5. The _____ had a _____ heart.

Psalm 39:8-11

⁸Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

⁹I am mute; I do not open my mouth, for it is you who have done it.

¹⁰Remove your stroke from me; I am spent by the hostility of your hand.

¹¹When you discipline a man with rebukes for sin, you consume like a moth what is dear to him; surely all mankind is a mere breath! *Selah*

6. The _____ had a _____ / _____ heart.

Psalm 39:12-13

¹²“Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears! For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers.

¹³Look away from me, that I may smile again, before I depart and am no more!”

7. God doesn't use people _____ of our weaknesses, God uses people _____ of our weaknesses.