

Sermon Notes: "What God Sees"

Text: 1 Samuel 16:7

“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.’”

Introduction: The Mirror and the Window

I. God Sees Beyond Appearances

The Lord doesn't grade us on presentation, but on **devotion**.

II. God Values What We Often Overlook

When God looks at the heart, He looks for faithfulness, humility, and teachability.

That's often how God chooses and prepares His people — not on the stage, but in the *shadows*.

Likewise, God tunes hearts through quiet, consistent devotion — not public perfection.

III. God Calls Us to Heart Work, Not Just Hard Work

We can get busy doing *good* things for God — church, business, family — but God's primary concern isn't what we *do*; it's who we *are becoming*.

Proverbs 4:23 says, “Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it flow the issues of life.”

God doesn’t just want your hands — He wants your heart. Because if He has your heart, everything else will follow.

Application: Heart Check

Ask yourself today:

1. _____
2. _____
3. When God looks at my heart, what does He see — pride or humility? fear or faith? self or surrender?

The good news is this: God doesn’t look at our flaws to condemn us.

Closing Thought: The Heart That God Chooses

David was overlooked by men but handpicked by God. How about you?

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” (*Psalms 51:10*)

Give me a clean heart, that I might serve thee. Lord lift my heart to be used by thee. For I’m not worthy of all these blessings. Give me a clean heart and I’ll follow thee.