

Lesson 7 – July 17

1 Samuel 16

ANointed



LORD Sees the Heart



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1 Samuel

1.	June 5	Answered!	1-2	Hannah Prays, Vows, Samuel Born
2.	June 12	Called	3	Boy Samuel Clearly God Called
3.	June 19	Worthy!	4-7	Philistines Take Ark ... oooops!
4.	June 26	King?	8-11	Israel, "Give us a King!"
5.	July 3	Feared	12	Thunder and Rain ... to Obey?
6.	July 10	Judged	13-15	Samuel Regrets, Rejects King Saul
7.	<i>July 17</i>	<i>Anointed!</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>David Anointed—Lord Sees the Heart</i>
8.	July 24	Delivered	17	David Whips Goliath
9.	July 31	Faithful	18-20	David and Jonathan's Loyalty
10.	Aug. 7	Blinded	21-23	Saul Pursues David & Followers
11.	Aug. 14	Protected	24-25	Abigail's Wisdom Saves Home
12.	Aug. 21	Respect	26-29	David Spares King Saul's Life II
13.	Aug. 28	Victory	30-31	David Pursues Raiders & Saul Killed

1 Samuel 12:1-25

AN OINTED ...
with a heart & a song
Made me think of a song



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Lesson Author's Theme

**God desires people who seek to follow
Him with all their H E A R T S**

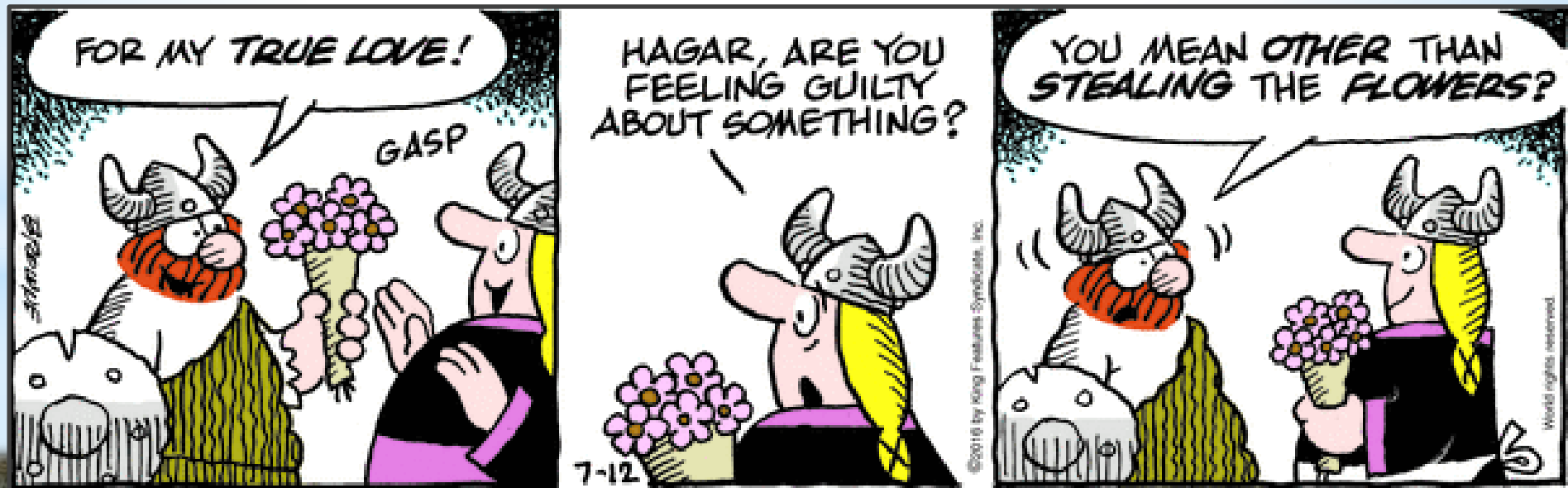
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Alternative Title

Lord looks at the HEART



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A Key Verse 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel, Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at.

People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the HEART.



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What does that mean?

What is the “HEART”?

God a cardiologist now?

God = to Cupid?

Of course it means your “feelings”

innermost of who YOUze ARE

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Gen. 6:5 – LORD saw how ... every inclination ... of the **HEART** was only evil.

Psalms 14:1 – The fool says in his **HEART**, “There is no God.”

Matt. 15:19 – For out of the **HEART** come evil thoughts—murder, etc., etc.

Several verses on deceitfulness of the HEART – Others on HEART itself

Deut. 6:5 – Love the LORD your God with all your **HEART**, with all your soul.

Joshua 23:14 – “Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your **HEART** and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled.

2 Kings 23:25 – Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD as he did—with all his **HEART** and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses.

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What is the “HEART”?

German Philosopher Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel published in 1820 *Elements of the Philosophy of Right* and wrote in his chapter on "The Good and Conscience":

“It is the right of the subjective will that it should regard as good what it recognizes as authoritative. It is the individual's right, too, that an act, as outer realization of an end, should be counted right or wrong, good or evil ... according to his knowledge of the worth it has when objectively realized.... Right of insight into the good is different from right of insight with regard to action as such....”

Yaah ... me too ...

YUCK



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What is the “HEART”?

Gosh ... ALL of us know some

ALL of us

NO ONE ... is absent of some

Knowledge of the Heart

Let's hear from another philosopher

The Rose

Amanda McBroom wrote in 1979

Movie theme song "The Rose"
starring Bette Midler, based *loosely*
life of Janis Joplin (family denied rights)

"The Rose" won 4 Academy Awards

Midler won Grammy Award for it

1983 #1 Country Single in America

1983 #1 Country Single in Canada

Paul A. Rothchild, producer of movie,
reportedly listened to over 3,000 songs
before choosing 30 songs for movie

Some say love, it is a river
That drowns the tender reed.

Some say love, it is a razor
That leaves your soul to bleed.

Some say love, it is a hunger,
An endless aching need.

I say love, it is a flower,
And you its only seed.

It's the **HEART** afraid of breaking
That never learns to dance.

It's the dream afraid of waking
That never takes the chance.



Bette Midler – The Rose



**It's the one who won't be taken,
Who cannot seem to give,
And the soul afraid of dyin'
That never learns to live.**

**When the night has been too lonely
And the road has been too long,**

**And you think that love is only
For the lucky and the strong,**

**Just remember in the winter
Far beneath the bitter snows**

**Lies the seed that with the SON's love
In the spring becomes the rose.**



the LORD looks at the HEART

Ezra 1:1 – First year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD moved the **HEART** of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and also to put it in writing.

Neh. 4:6 – We rebuilt the wall ... people worked with all their **HEART**.

Job 33:3 – My words come from an upright **HEART**

Ps. 7:10 – My shield is God Most High, who saves the upright in **HEART**.

Psalms 16:7 – I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;
even at night my **HEART** instructs me.

Psalms 19:8 – The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the **HEART**.

Psalms 22:14 – I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. My **HEART** has turned to wax; it has melted within me.

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Prov. 12:25 – Anxiety weighs down the **HEART**, but a kind word cheers it.

Prov. 13:12 – Hope deferred makes the **HEART** sick,
but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life. 

S. of Sol. 4:9 – You have stolen my **HEART**, my sister, my bride;
you have stolen my **HEART** with one glance of your eyes

S. of Sol. 8:6 – Place me like a seal over your **HEART**, like a seal on your
arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the
grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame.

Matt. 11:29 – Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle
and humble in **HEART**, and you will find rest for your souls.

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Luke 7:11-16 – Soon afterward [after healing of Centurion's servant]

Jesus went to a town called Nain ... large crowd went along with him.

¹² As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the **only son of his mother, and she was a widow....**

¹³ When the Lord saw her,

his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”

¹⁴ Jesus ... touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “**Young man, I say to you, get up!**” ¹⁵ Dead man sat up, began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

¹⁶ They were all filled with awe ... “God has come to help his people.”

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John 16:33 – “I have told you these things, so ... you may have peace. In this world ... trouble. But take **HEART**! I have overcome the world.”

Rom. 10:9 – If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your **HEART** that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Acts 1:24 – They prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s **HEART**. Show us which of these two you have chosen

One of my favorite: Matt. 6:21 & Luke 12:34 –

**For where your treasure is,
there your HEART will be also.**

16:1-3 Samuel's Mourning Turns to Mission

16:1 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel?"

Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of **Bethlehem**. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."



Samuel's
Home

10 Miles

16:1-3 Samuel's Mourning Turns to Mission

² But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'

³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

**Bethlehem painted by
Vasily Polenov, 1882**



16:1-3 Samuel's Mourning Turns to Mission

Bethlehem: House of Bread ... elevation 2,550 ... David's Birthplace

100 feet higher than Jerusalem ... modern Beit-Lahm, House of flesh

Also called Bethlehem Ephratah and Bethlehem Judah

Across Jordan River, is Moab – today's Jordan, highest elevation 6,000 feet

Valley to east of Bethlehem was setting for story of Ruth the Moabitess





Bethlehem

House of Bread

16:4-5 Samuel's Assignment – Bethlehem to “Sacrifice”?

16:4 Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him.

They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

5 Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

**Samuel came on orders from God to anoint someone
who Samuel knew not ... not yet ... but Samuel was afraid**

God told Samuel to tell all he was going to “sacrifice”

Did Samuel LIE? ... Did God LIE? ... Did God Charge Samuel to LIE?

**Quarterly Teacher's guide brought up the scenario of
Gestapo hunting Jews ... knocking on YOUR door**

16:4-5 Samuel's Assignment – Bethlehem to “Sacrifice”?

You have Jews hidden ... what do you tell the Gestapo?

Do you LIE to save their lives?

Teacher's Guide commentary was written by Dr. Duane Garrett, Professor of Old Testament Interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY – B.A. from Rice, M.Div. Trinity Evangelical, and his Ph.D. from Baylor University.

He gives **Three Options** – old options debated decades ago to present:

1. **Lie**, later confess your sin of lying to God
- ★ 2. **Tell the Truth**, pray God intervenes, murder in God's hands
- ★ 3. **Lie**, viewing God's law as hierarchy, lesser lie saves life, therefore *becoming or being* “right” at time

Dr. Garrett said, “When there is no alternative, saving life outweighs deceit, even though under normal circumstances deceit is wrong.”

16:4-5 Samuel's Assignment – Bethlehem to “Sacrifice”?

I dealt with those three alternatives

- ✓ I reject choice to tell truth to Nazis
- ✓ I reject the hierarchy of Normal Geisler ... where the “Lie” is right temporarily
- ✓ I do make an extended case that
Love with a Lie was CHOSEN over Truth that would lead to murder

Commander Bucher's 1968 choice: ethically complicated by North Korean's values

This was 20 years in making ... meant a lot

Love will find a way home ...

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Would You Lie to Save a Life



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16:4-5 Samuel's Assignment – Bethlehem to “Sacrifice”?

Problem? = Do Absolutes Conflict?

No: “absolutes” NEVER a truly conflict

Truth is always right – Lie always wrong

Conflict is NOT between Truth & Lie

Conflict is between Truth & Love
... conflict *apparent only*, not truly

That is, always “right” to Love

Key Word
appearance
of conflict

Lying	= Love in Saving Lives
OVER	OVER
Murder (?)	= Truth

CHART 1. Apparent Conflict between Love & Truth

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Would You Lie
to Save a Life



Always RIGHT action present
just cause we cannot find it,
like Jesus, does not mean
RIGHT action absent

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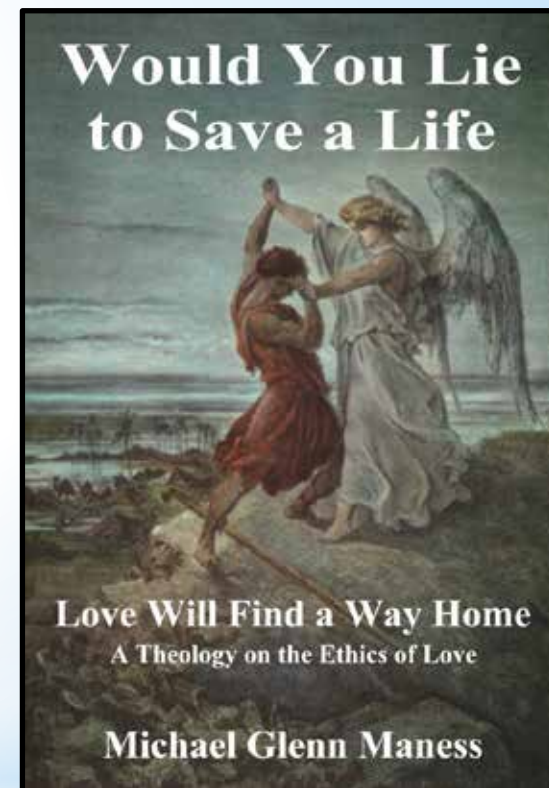
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a couple of quotes from my introduction

Love—we have always sensed and known something, even as an infant, and yet we spend the rest of our lives learning.... Love is connected to God and eternity, and on earth Love becomes the term of choice for the deepest and most lasting affection within our **HEART for a loved one. In our family and friends, Love appreciates like a golden treasure trove, and we hope in heaven's reunions.**

While we treasure Love, we also learn early that much of the world assaults Love, most often in dilemmas caused by evil.... in evil, the intelligible ethical force of Love is—often—tossed overboard.

much more in book and on site – www.PreciousHEART.net



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16:6-10 God's Criteria – Looks at the HEART

**16:6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought,
“Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”**

7 But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the H E A R T .”

Does Appearance Matter?

Sure it does ... fact ...

it always will

Point: appearance is not *ALL* that matters

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Does Appearance Matter?

**All donkeys do
NOT look alike!**



**You've seen those NO one
would hire for a good job**

**those you would NOT
want dating your daughter
or your son**

**Dress the Part – or else – *most of time in REAL world*
STILL the point: *appearance* is **NOT ALL** that matters
to God, appearance is not the MOST important**

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8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” 9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.”

16:6-10 God's Criteria – Looks at the HEART

What Criteria?

Luke 8:15 – Seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good HEART, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

Acts 13:22 – After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: “I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own HEART; he will do everything I want him to do.”

Romans 10:10 – For it is with your HEART that you believe and are justified

1 Timothy 1:5 – The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure HEART and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

Hebrews 4:12 – For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the HEART.

Let's Condense These ...

16:6-10 God's Criteria – Looks at the HEART

What Criteria?

The passage in 1 Samuel gave no criteria ... but the Bible does ...

- Luke 8:15 –** good **HEART**, who hear the word, retain it
- Acts 13:22 –** a man after my own **HEART**
- Romans 10:10 –** with your **HEART** that you believe
- 1 Timothy 1:5 –** love, from a pure **HEART**, good conscience, faith.
- Hebrews 4:12 –** word of God ... judges ... the **HEART**.

Criteria that God uses?

a Good Heart

16:11-13 David's Selection – Spirit Upon David

15:11 So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There’s still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

**Ruddy:
Red Hair**

13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

NOTICE: first time “David” mentioned ... Samuel does not tell why

14 Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.

16:15-23 Saul's Torment Eased by David's Songs

16:15 Saul's attendants said to him,

"See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you.

16 Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the lyre. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes on you, and you will feel better."

17 Saul said, "Find someone who plays **WELL** and bring him to me."

18 One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a **brave man** and a **warrior**. He speaks well and is a **fine-looking** man.

And the LORD is with him."

19-20 Saul sent to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David" ... Jesse loaded a donkey with bread, wine, goat and sent David to Saul.



16:15-23 Saul's Torment Eased by David's Song

16:21 David came to Saul and entered his service.

**Saul liked him very much, and
David became one of his armor-bearers.**

**22 Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying,
“Allow David to remain in my service,
for I am pleased with him.”**

**23 Whenever the spirit from God
came on Saul, David would take
up his lyre and play.**

What song do you think David played?

Hebrew for Psalms = Praises

David playing the harp before Saul
Rembrandt, c.1631



16:15-23 Saul's Torment Eased by David's Song

What song do you think David played?

English from LXX = Songs

combine Hebrew & LXX = Praise Songs

2 Sam. 23:1 – David, “Sweet psalmist of Israel”

David wrote most of the Psalms ... SONGS

Imagine ... as beautiful as the Psalms are
in English, even in all translations

What must it have been like to hear them
SUNG in the original Hebrew in 1000 B.C.?

David playing the harp before Saul
Rembrandt, c.1631



What song do you think David played?

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He maketh me lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside still waters.

He restoreth my soul; he leadeth in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the House of the LORD forever.



King David Playing the Harp
by Gerard van Honthorst, 1622

sung then with a HEART we can scarcely know

16:15-23 Saul's Torment Eased by David's Song

²³ Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he'd feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

so true ... so very true

**man or woman with a Good Heart
can play a guitar, sing a song and**

LIFT OUR SOUL



MUSIC
key to our soul



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**Things haven't really changed from 1000 B.C.
all God REALLY wants from you and me**

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