

## THE GOD WHO SEES DIFFERENTLY

1 Samuel 16:1–13

Scripture reminds us again and again of the big difference between how and what *we* see and how and what *God* sees. We are quick to draw conclusions based on what is visible—success or failure, strength or weakness, danger or security, prominence or obscurity. God, however, works according to purposes that often lie beyond human judgment, his thoughts being far above human thoughts. His plans unfold across generations and circumstances, his care extends to fragile and fickle servants, and his gaze reaches beneath appearances to the heart. In 1 Samuel 16, at a moment marked by loss and uncertainty for God’s people, the Lord quietly advances his good and glorious purposes—not through what looks impressive or powerful, but through what he knows to be faithful and true.

### What *People* See

- People See Failure 16:1; cp. 15:23, 35
- People See Danger 16:2, 4
- People See Externals 16:6–7
- People See Status 16:6–11

### What *God* Sees

- God Sees His Plan 16:1, 3; cp. 13:14; 15:28  
Gen 49:10; Ruth 4:18–22
- God Sees His Servants 16:1–5
- God Sees the Heart 16:6–7, 12–13; cf. Ps 139:1

### *Don't Trust What You See—Trust That God Sees!*

- Know That God Is in Control
- Know That God Sees You
- Know That God Knows You