



Before the THRONE

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1 Samuel 16:6-7

“When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab (*Jesse’s oldest son*) and thought, “Surely this is the Lord’s anointed!” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn’t make decisions the way you do! People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at a person’s thoughts and intentions.” 1 Samuel 16:6-7

Man’s sight and his insight is very limited. We are so governed by the natural senses, so bound by past experiences that it is easy for us to miss a thousand other possibilities. “There is a way that seems right to a man, but *in the end of it* are the ways of death.” (Proverb 14:12)

Leaning upon Another’s judgments and learning to trust in His wisdom is so necessary if we are to see as He sees. Our experience and natural abilities will deceive us. Herein lays the importance of maintaining a continued listening heart before the LORD. As Samuel made a human judgment that was incorrect, so his listening heart was open to receive immediate correction from the Spirit of the LORD.

Never allow yourself (your pride or position before men) to be so rigid that you cannot respond to God’s voice should He intervene and give you correction.

“He that has an ear to hear, let him hear!”