

Bible/College Class Notes – Great Differences – Lesson 102

Great Differences: Lessons from David & Solomon

This week – God looks into our heart - nothing can be hidden from His Holy, searching eyes.

**For the LORD seeth not as man seeth;
for man looketh on the outward appearance,
but the LORD looketh on the heart. 1 Samuel 16v7.**

Bible Readings for this week:

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	1 Samuel 15v1-12 (Will King Saul obey God?)	
Monday	1 Samuel 15v13-23 (Saul's disobedience exposed)	
Tuesday	1 Samuel 15v24-35 (The throne taken from proud Saul)	
Wednesday	1 Samuel 16v1-13 (The LORD looks on the heart)	
Thursday	Psalms 139 (David's prayer, 'Search me O God')	
Friday	Psalms 86 (The Lord hears and answers David's prayer)	
Saturday	Acts 13v16-39 (Paul speaks of the LORD and David)	

Important Thought for us Today: *What is Conversion to the Lord? It is a total change of attitude of heart towards God. Naturally, from our birth, we are proud, selfish, rebellious, and unbelieving towards God - such that we cannot, of our own doing, approach Him in an acceptable way. Thankfully, God sends His Holy Spirit to 'quicken' our souls, (renew us spiritually), giving us faith to believe in Jesus Christ as our Saviour, so that we humbly recognise that He died to take the full punishment for the guilt of our sin on the cross of Calvary, causing us to sincerely repent, obey His Word, and live for Him.*

Let us follow David's example in Psalm 51v10, and sincerely pray for a believing, repentant heart.

Pray, 'Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me'. God will answer.

Hymn 27. Based on Psalm 27 - David's complete trust in his LORD and Saviour.

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| 1. The Lord my Saviour is my light,
What power against my soul shall fight?
While God, my strength, to me is near,
What foe can harm, whom shall I fear? | 2. The greatest joy my heart desires,
And for which all my soul aspires,
Is in God's house to spend my days,
My life devoted to His praise. |
| 4. When troubles rise, my guardian God
Will hide me safe in His abode!
Firm as a rock my hope shall stand,
Sustained by His almighty hand. | 5. Should every earthly friend depart,
Or should I lose my parents' heart,
Then God on Whom my hopes depend,
Will still be Father, Guide and Friend. |

EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible

The Difference That God Notices.

- **A Royal Vacancy In Israel – God had Rejected Proud King Saul.**
 - Saul, who started so well, did not truly love God and his sin soon showed.
 - He wilfully disobeyed the commandments of the Lord. **1 Samuel 13v13.**
 - **Selecting a New King – What Qualifications Are Required? Was it:**
 - **Age?** Someone older, well educated, with lots of varied experience of life.
 - **Appearance?** Good looking, a strong physic, able to lead the army in battle.
 - **Success?** A great reputation of experience in successful management.
 - **Surprisingly, God told Samuel the Prophet to Ignore These 'Qualities'.**
 - Samuel was sent to Bethlehem, to Jessie's house, to choose one of his sons.
 - 7 sons all with the above qualities presented, starting with Eliab the oldest. *Samuel thought surely God's anointed is before me? No. God rejected all 7.*
 - **God's Criteria?**
 - **Outwardly** Jessie's 7 oldest sons looked right - strong and experienced **BUT Inwardly** God saw their hearts, all lacking humility and with no faith in God. If Samuel picked one of these it would have been a repeat of proud Saul.
 - **Samuel Had to Trust God's Judgement and Choice.**
 - Samuel asked Jessie, *"Are here all thy children?"*
 - Jessie's reply, *"There remains the youngest, a keeper of sheep!"*
 - The LORD said to Samuel, *"Arise, anoint him, for this is he."* **1 Samuel 16v12**
 - **David Had Met God's Criteria.**
 - **Outwardly** - A goodly looking lad but surely far too young to be King?
 - **Inwardly** - The Lord saw David's heart, (as Paul tells us in **Acts 13v22**), *"A man after Mine own heart, which shall fulfil all My will."*
David was young, and inexperienced **but** the Lord saw his potential as he had humility, faith and love for God in his heart; not motivated by pride and fortune.
 - **Does God See the Same Heart in Us as He Saw in David?**
 - Have we sought forgiveness? Is our faith fixed and anchored in God alone? *"O, how love I Thy law! It is my meditation all the day."* **Psalm 119v97.**
 - Are we open to, and obedient to, the teaching of God's Word?
Are we like **David?** Quick to repent of our sin; if in danger always prayerful to God, fully trusting Him; in power remaining humble; in success honouring God; in death desiring to dwell with God in Heaven and to enjoy Him for ever?
- Can we pray like David did? 'Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.'**
- Psalm 139v23.24.