

The young people in the bible

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Some questions you might ask

Dear God, do you really exist?

If you really exist, why I could not feel you or hear you? Or you only talk to those elders rather than young people?

If you would like to talk to me, what kind of way you are talking to me?

16:1 The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel?”

Fill your horn with oil and go, I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons”

16:2 Samuel said, How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me

The Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.”

16:3 And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do.

And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.

16:6 Samuel looked on Eliab and thought: “Surely the Lord’s anointed is before him”

17:13 The three oldest sons of Jesse had followed Saul to the battle.

Eliab the first born, and next to him Abinadab, and the third Shammah

Who is Eliab?

Big brother (first born)

Followed King Saul to the battle (a soldier)

Handsome/tall/strong (very attractive outward appearance)

What kind of criteria he might have in his mind?/who can be a king?

having great charm (Handsome/tall/strong)

Mature/have plenty of life experience

Being brave

Strong leadership

Good at politics

Have military background



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.”

The Lord looks on the heart

Different directions

Man: outward appearance

Lord: inward situation

What is your inward situation at the moment?

King Saul as an example

The Lord's command:

15: 3 Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. **Do not spare them**, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.


15:15 Saul said: "They have brought them from Amalekites, for the people **spared the best of sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the Lord your God** and the rest we have devoted to destruction"

19 Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord?

20. And Saul said to Samuel: "I have obeyed the voice of the Lord. I have gone on the mission on which the Lord sent me.

I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have devoted the Amalekites to destruction.

21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal"



22 And Samuel said:

Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord?

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.

The forgotten one

16:10 And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.”

11 Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?”

And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.”

David

Fulfil his duty loyally (keeping the sheep)

Fear the Lord and rely on the Lord

17:34 But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after him and struck down both lions and bears...”

17:37 And David said, “The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear...”

David's family

Father: Jesse was already old and advanced in years

Eight sons

the three oldest sons: Follow Saul to the battle

Eliab

Abinadab

Shammath

David was the youngest one

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers
an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

---1 Timothy 4:12

16:12 And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.”

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers.

And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.