

**God Looks at the Heart (1 Samuel 16-17) – Samuel: The Battle to See**  
**Sunday, July 6, 2025**

**David & Goliath**

**One Vision: Seeing as God Sees**

**People judge by outward appearance**

Now the Lord said to Samuel, “You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king.”

**1 Samuel 16:1 NLT**

When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Surely this is the Lord’s anointed!” **1 Samuel 16:6 NLT**

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” **1 Samuel 16:7 NLT**

### **The Lord looks at the heart**

Then Jesse told his son Abinadab to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “This is not the one the LORD has chosen.” **1 Samuel 16:8 NLT**

Next Jesse summoned Shimea, but Samuel said, “Neither is this the one the LORD has chosen.” **1 Samuel 16:9 NLT**

In the same way all seven of Jesse’s sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” **1 Samuel 16:10 NLT**

Then Samuel asked, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse replied. “But he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.” “Send for him at once,” Samuel said. “We will not sit down to eat until he arrives.” **1 Samuel 16:11 NLT**

So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes. And the LORD said, “This is the one; anoint him.” **1 Samuel 16:12 NLT**

So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah. **1 Samuel 16:13 NLT**

Jesse’s three oldest sons—Eliab, Abinadab, and Shimea—had already joined Saul’s army to fight the Philistines. **1 Samuel 17:13 NLT**

As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright.

**1 Samuel 17:24 NLT**

“Don’t worry about this Philistine,” David told Saul. “I’ll go fight him!” **1 Samuel 17:32 NLT**

**We must fight in the power of the Spirit to see how God sees**

Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail.

**1 Samuel 17:38 NLT**

David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before. “I can’t go in these,” he protested to Saul. “I’m not used to them.” So David took them off again. **1 Samuel 17:39 NLT**

He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd’s bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd’s staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine. **1 Samuel 17:40 NLT**

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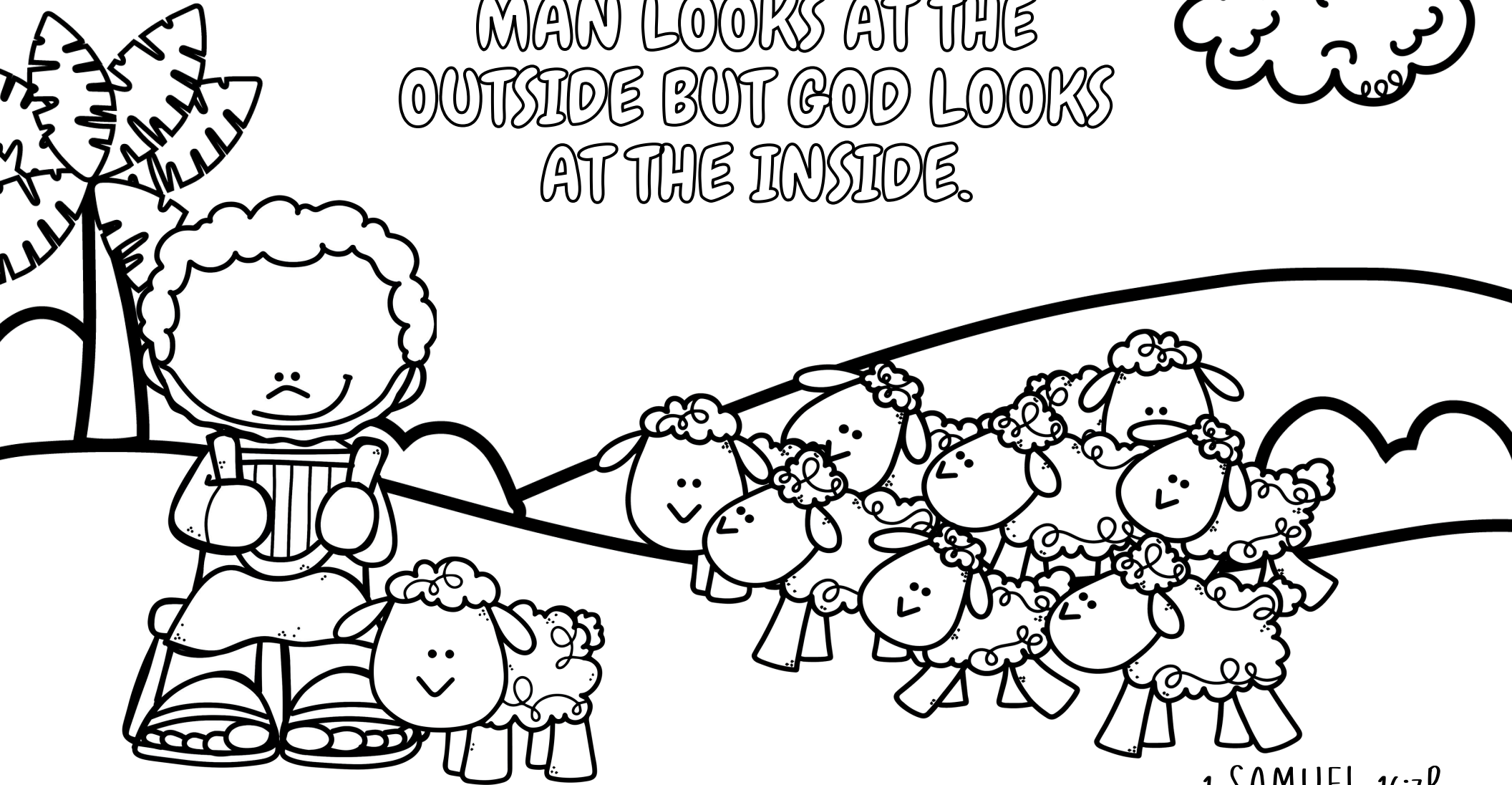
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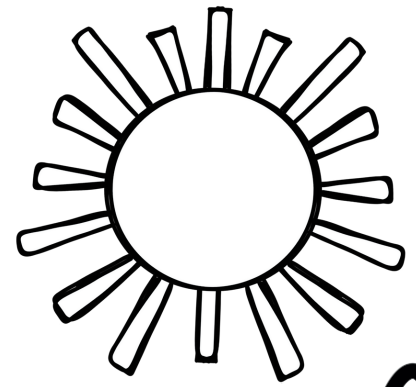
# Sermon notes

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1 SAMUEL 16:7B

# DAVID AND GOLIATH





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WHAT DOES GOD SEE WHEN HE LOOKS AT YOU?

Write or draw you answer.

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