

## I Samuel 16:1-13

### SAMUEL: JEHOVAH'S CHOICE OF DAVID

- I. Jehovah's command.
  - A. Samuel had been mourning (Hebrew implies a continuing activity) for 15 years "for Saul." Why?
  - B. Jehovah's command answered Samuel's grief and fears: I have "provided Me a king" from among the sons of Jesse.
- II. Jehovah's choice for King of His people is one whose heart is right.
  - A. Samuel drew an immediate choice of Eliab when Jesse came to the sacrifice and presented his oldest son.
  - B. God instructs Samuel not to look on what the eyes can see, for Jehovah looks on the heart.
  - C. Jesse passes his oldest seven sons before Samuel, but "neither hath Jehovah chosen this" (8-10).
  - D. What was in David's heart, which God saw and which qualified him for the office of king over God's kingdom?
- III. So Samuel anointed him from among his brethren, and the Spirit of Jehovah came upon David from that day forward (13).
  - A. Anointing speaks to divine selection and qualification (Psalm 89:20).
  - B. Jehovah equipped David for difficulties and conflict.