

# Through the Bible

## Lesson 15

Old  
Testament

1 Samuel 1-18

Key Verse:

1 Samuel 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."

1. As you read the first part of chapter 1, what other situations in Scripture does this remind you of? What common themes do you see when there have been situations of a man with multiple wives in the Bible? Do you think that polygamy is God's will?
2. When Hannah is blessed with a son, what does she do? Have you noticed a trend regarding vows in the Old Testament? What is it?
3. What kind of problem did Eli have with his sons? What do you think may have contributed to this problem (3:13)?
4. According to 3:1, what spiritual state was Israel in?
5. What does the name Ichabod mean? Why was that child named that way and how does this depict the situation at that time?
6. What happened to the Philistines while they had possession of the Ark of the Covenant? How do they get rid of the Ark?
7. What kind of a person is Samuel? What lessons do we learn in leadership from Samuel and those like him? What weakness(es) did Samuel have?
8. Why did the people of Israel want a king? Why did God not want them to have a king?
9. Read 9:21. Notice Saul's words and attitude. What is interesting about the tribe he comes from and also the humbleness of his attitude?
10. What did Saul do that caused God to begin to look for a new king in chapter 13?
11. What kind of a military leader is Jonathan? What event almost led to his death at the hands of his father?
12. What is the meaning of 15:22?
13. Look at 16:7. What does this tell us about God's view of things? How should this affect our lives?
14. What was David's attitude in fighting Goliath? How should this be a lesson for us in life?
15. Why was David so successful? How did this affect Saul?

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Luke 12 - 15:10

Key Verse:  
Luke 12:3

Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.

1. What is the meaning of 12:3?
2. What does 12:15 say that is in contrast of the world's view of wealth? What really determines one's "net worth"?
3. What does 12:51-53 mean?
4. When people have terrible tragedies happen in their lives, does that mean that they are worse sinners than others or the God loves them any less (13:1-5)?
5. What do we learn about humility in the first part of chapter 14?
6. Read 14:25-27 and insert the words "love less" in place of hate. The Greek word for hate means to "love less". Does this help make the meaning of this section more clear?
7. What is the meaning of the two parables in 15:1-10?