

## Bible Study 1 - The Lord looks at the heart - 1 Sam. 16:1-13

When Lizzie Velasquez was in high school, she found a video of herself on the internet: “The World’s Ugliest Woman”. As a result of an extremely rare syndrome preventing her from gaining weight and building muscle, her appearance deviates significantly from the norm. But now she is a motivational speaker and has written two books. We can use cosmetic surgery and Photoshop to change our appearance. But appearances can be deceiving because we are still the same person inside. Today we see how God values people.

<b><i>The context</i></b> <i>(1 Sam 8-15)</i>	Saul was the first king over Israel (1052–1010BC). He was a great warrior, but he disobeyed God. Because of Saul’s change in conduct, the Lord regretted making Saul king over Israel. Samuel told Saul that he would be replaced by a man after God’s own heart (1 Sam. 13:14). Today we see who that man was.
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### ***PART 1 Read and summarise each section – 1 Samuel 16:1-13***

A secret mission (v.1-3)	
Arriving at Bethlehem (v.4-5)	
Jesse’s sons (v.6-10)	
David anointed king (v.11-13)	

### ***PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage***

#### ***1. What I learnt about God.***

#### ***2. What I learnt about people like us.***

#### ***3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.***

#### ***4. What are the most important biblical principles being taught?***

#### ***5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?***

#### ***6. When the Lord looks at our hearts or character, what qualities do you think He values most?***

#### ***7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?***

Let’s value people by their inner character, and not by their appearance.

