

Journey towards the Cross

Topic:
God looks for a faithful heart.

Bible portion:
1 Samuel 16:7

Focus:
David: God looks
at the heart.



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A daily devotional for lent season

40-Day Gospel Reading Plan

Bible Readings for Today

Luke 9-10



Have you Read your
Bible today?

Memory Verse for the day

**“For whoever would
save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his
life for my sake will
save it.”**

Luke 09:24 (ESV)

Quote

**“The true man of
God is heartsick,
grieved at the
worldliness of the
Church.”**

- Leonard Ravenhill

*“The Lord does not look at the
things people look at. People
look at the outward appearance,
but the Lord looks at the heart.”*
— 1 Samuel 16:7

During the season of Lent, believers are invited to reflect deeply on their hearts before God. This truth is beautifully illustrated in the story of David.

When God sent Samuel to anoint the next king of Israel, he went to the house of Jesse. One by one, Jesse's sons passed before Samuel. The eldest, Eliab, looked impressive—strong and kingly in appearance. Samuel thought surely this must be the one God had chosen. But God spoke clearly: *“Do not consider his appearance or his height... The Lord looks at the heart.”*

Seven sons stood before Samuel, yet none were chosen. Finally, the youngest son, David, was called from the

fields where he had been tending sheep. He was not the obvious candidate. He was young, unknown, and overlooked. Yet God saw something deeper within him—a faithful and devoted heart.

David's life reminds us that God's calling is not based on status, talent, or appearance. While people judge by what they see externally, God searches the inner life. Even as a shepherd boy, David cultivated a heart of worship, trust, and courage. Alone in the fields, he learned to rely on God. He sang songs of praise, later preserved in the book of Psalms, and developed a deep relationship with the Lord.

Lent is a season that invites us to examine our own hearts. Like David, we may feel unnoticed or insignificant in the eyes of others.

Yet God sees what no one else sees—our faith, our humility, our desire to follow Him.

David was not perfect. His life included failures and deep repentance. But what set him apart was his willingness to return to God with sincerity. His story shows that a faithful heart is not a flawless one—it is a heart that continually seeks God.



As we journey through Lent, we are reminded that God is less concerned with outward religious activity and more concerned with inward transformation. Prayer, fasting, and reflection are not meant to impress others; they are meant to shape our hearts so that they align with God's will.

Just as God called David from the pasture to a greater purpose, He continues to call ordinary people today. When our hearts are faithful, God can use us in ways we never imagined.



Prayer

Lord, You see our hearts and know us completely. During this Lent, help us have a faithful heart like David. Teach us to trust You, walk in humility, and return to You whenever we fall. Shape our hearts to follow Your will. Amen.

-Rev. Sanjay Pratap Salvi



Prayer Point
Pray for the medical
department and
healthcare workers.

