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**Topic: The Choice Leader**

Scripture Text: 1 Samuel 16

1. King Saul was chosen by the people according to their carnal desires. He may be their chosen one but he brought disaster to Israel as their king. It is God who determines a choice leader, and not men, and God sets the criteria for a choice leader.
2. In v.1-13 we see the divine choice. The prophet Samuel was asked to anoint the new king chosen by God. This person has the approval of God. Samuel obeyed what the Lord told him to do and went to the house of Jesse at Bethlehem.
3. When Samuel saw Eliab, the eldest son of Jesse, he thought he was the chosen one based on his external countenance. But the criteria of God was different as He looks only at the heart. God seeks for a man after His own heart – the person must think, pursue, act as how God will think, pursue and act. God told Samuel the 7 sons were not His choice and there was only the youngest son left who was tending to the sheep.
4. David was the youngest son and chosen by the Lord. The prophet Samuel then anointed David. The Spirit of the Lord was upon David to empower him to serve God. From v. 14-23, we see the preparations of the Choice Leader, David.
5. God equipped, prepared and then established David by putting him into the palace to serve king Saul as his armour bearer and as the musician to soothe king Saul who was being troubled. David waited on God's time even as God prepared him to be the new king.