

SUNDAY, JUNE 27, 2021, MORNING MESSAGE
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I Samuel 16: 7 contains this reminder, “for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” God has rejected Saul as Israel’s King and instructed Samuel to go to the family of Jesse. God has chosen one of the Bethlehemite’s sons who will reign in the place of Saul.

The prophet makes an assumption, based on the custom of the day: that the eldest son would be God’s choice. According to custom known as primogeniture, the eldest son was granted the largest share of his father’s estate with increasingly smaller shares granted to younger sons and even smaller portions given to daughters. This practice was important for the perpetuation of the estate from generation to generation.

But God has chosen a different son. God’s choice of a king isn’t based on birth order but a heart condition. David possesses a good heart and will come to be called “a man after God’s own heart.” God sees more deeply into David’s soul than human eyes could see.

If there is anything we might expect from God, it’s to expect the unexpected.

Blessings,
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