

April 13 Answers

- 1) David's secret anointing as king of Israel and his victory over Goliath of Gath. When God chose Saul as Israel's first king, He gave the people a king according to **their** desires. This time God chose a king for **Himself**, one who would do His **will** (cf. 1 Sam 13:14; Acts 13:22). When Samuel saw **Eliab** he thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him," but God told Samuel not to judge a man's worthiness to be king on the basis of his **physical** appearance. This teaches us that **inner** character is more important than **outward** appearance. However, this *does not mean* that God doesn't care about our physical appearance. The Bible is filled with commands that relate directly to **deportment** (e.g., Exod 28:42–43; Deut 22:5; 1 Pet 3:3–5; 1 Cor 11:4–6). Rather, it means that people are more than how they **appear** on the outside, and that proper judgment always takes a person's **character** into account. Further, since our physical appearance is the only part of us that many people ever see, our outward appearance plays a significant role in our **testimony** to the world. We should dress in clothing that is **appropriate** for a Christian, with a godly sense of **shame** and self-control (cf. 1 Tim 2:9). Samuel anointed David as king, but for the moment, things remained **unchanged**—he still kept his father's sheep. This teaches us that God's **timetable** is often different than ours. We need to **wait** patiently on Him for direction. Eventually God honored David in the sight of all Israel by giving him a great victory over Goliath of Gath.