

“God Looks at the Heart!”

I. **PRESSING ASSIGNMENT. (vv. 1-5)**

A. Stalled by grief over a failed king. (v. 1)

God understands our disappointments, but not living in the past to a point we don't serve as we should in the present.

God gave us emotions, but not to be enslaved by them.

B. Sent by God to anoint a future king. (vv. 2-5)

1. *God's orders cannot be postponed.*

Israel had sadly demanded a “king like the other nations”.
God gloriously “provided for himself a king”.

2. *God's people cannot be paralyzed by fear. (v. 2a)*

II. **PROPER ASSESSMENT. (vv. 6-13)**

A. Must come from a proper theology.

A high and holy God doesn't use a human yardstick.

B. Must seek the Lord's best.