

Questions for Reflection

Samuel is told that God does not look upon outward appearances, but looks upon the heart. Then God chooses David, the youngest son of Jesse, to be Israel's next king. We know that as he grew and as life became very challenging, King David's heart was not pure. He was a mixture of great courage and faithfulness—and great sin and failure. What do you suppose God saw and loved in David's heart? What do you think God loves when God looks upon your own heart?

For Your Study and Reflection This Week

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." (v. 7)

Psalm 23

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long. (vv. 5-6)

Ephesians 5:8-14

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.
Walk as children of light. (v. 8)

John 9:1-41

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment,
so that those who do not see may see
and those who do see may become blind." (v. 39)

TWO-YEAR DAILY LECTIONARY

Year 2

Week of 3 Lent

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Psalms 66, 67 (*morning*)

Gen. 48:8-22

Rom. 8:11-25

John 6:27-40

Psalms 19, 46 (*evening*)

Monday, March 16, 2026

Psalms 89:1-18 (*morning*)

Gen. 49:1-28

1 Cor. 10:14—11:1

Mark 7:24-37

Psalms 89:19-52 (*evening*)

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Psalms 97, 99, [100] (*morning*)

Gen. 49:29—50:14

1 Cor. 11:17-34

Mark 8:1-10

Psalms 94, [95] (*evening*)

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Psalms 101, 109:1-4 (5-19) 20-30
(*morning*)

Gen. 50:15-26

1 Cor. 12:1-11

Mark 8:11-26

Psalms 119:121-144 (*evening*)

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Psalms 69:1-23 (24-30) 31-38 (*morning*)

Exod. 1:6-22

1 Cor. 12:12-26

Mark 8:27—9:1

Psalms 73 (*evening*)

Friday, March 20, 2026

Psalms 95, 102 (*morning*)

Exod. 2:1-22

1 Cor. 12:27—13:3

Mark 9:2-13

Psalms 107:1-32 (*evening*)

Saturday, March 21, 2026

Psalms 107:33-43, 108:1-6 (7-13)
(*morning*)

Exod. 2:23—3:15

1 Cor. 13:1-13

Mark 9:14-29

Psalms 33 (*evening*)

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Psalms 118 (*morning*)

Exod. 3:16—4:12

Rom. 12:1-21

John 8:46-59

Psalms 145 (*evening*)

Household Prayer: Morning

Good morning, Lord.

The day has dawned with the gift of sunlight,
and I awaken from sleep
into the light and grace of Christ.

Thank you for this new day.

Stay with me, I pray,
shepherding me through all that the day will hold.

Lead me into pleasant places,
and give me the provisions I will need
if I find myself in difficulty or danger.

Whenever the cup of gladness overflows,
help me to recognize that it is filled
with your goodness and mercy.

In praise and anticipation I begin this day;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

With the night, Good Lord, comes rest,
and a chance for my soul to be restored.

You are with me in this and every darkness,
so I will not be afraid.

For all I have seen with my own eyes today,
for all others have helped me to see,

I give you thanks.

For those things that I did not notice:
signs of beauty and kindness,
evidences of your grace,

I pray that you will improve the eyes of my faith
so that I can see you more clearly,
love you more dearly,

and follow you more nearly tomorrow,
and all my tomorrows.

In the name of your Son, my Savior, I pray. Amen.