

“The Lord Knows Our Hearts”

1 Sam. 16:7

Introduction

- I. There are times that man may deceive his fellow man.
- II. There is never a time that man deceives God.
- III. Our faithfulness, or lack thereof, is known by God.

Discussion

- I. Some often say, “The Lord knows my heart”: YES HE DOES (Prov. 5:21; 15:3; 21:12; Matt. 15:18-20; Heb. 4:13; Luke 8:17).
- II. We must realize that our hearts tell who we really are (Matt. 6:19-21).
 - A. Do we really love God before anything, or anyone, else (Matt. 22:37; Matt. 10:34-37).
 1. Do our actions demonstrate something else (Prov. 3:1-2, 5-6; 4:20-23; 10:8 Jer. 17:9-10; 29:13; Psm. 19:14; 51:10; 86:11; 90:12; 119:2, 10-11; 1 Sam. 16:7; Jos. 22:5).?
 2. Do we place earthly things before spiritual (Matt. 6:33)?
 - B. If our hearts are not trained properly, we will reap the consequences (Heb. 3:12; 2 Pet. 2:20-22; cf. Matt. 5:8; Jas. 4:8).
- III. What can I do if my heart has not been right with God (Acts 8:18-23; 1 John 1:9-10).
 - A. I must be brave enough to do what is right, no matter what.
 - B. I must recognize that there are things that I am not to love (1 John 2:15-17).

Conclusion

- I. Do we really want the Lord to search our hearts today?
- II. What would be the result?
- III. We should always remember that “the Lord knows our hearts”.