

After God's Heart



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Preview

- After disobeying God's command to destroy the Amalekites, Saul is notified by Samuel that the Lord has rejected Saul from being king. Saul is allowed to continue to reign for several more years (approximately 14 yrs.), but his descendants will not succeed the throne. God has picked His own king to take Saul's place. We now begin an exciting adventure into the life of a shepherd boy named David.
- The name **David** means "Beloved One." God has great love for him. David plays an important role in the Bible. More space is devoted to David in the Scriptures than any other person, except Jesus Christ. Jesus was called the son of David and the root and offspring of David. Jerusalem is the city of David.
- Saul was man's pick for a king and he failed. David is God's choice who is blessed and used of God and also repents when he falters and fails. Let's open the curtain to this exciting drama.
- Treasures From the Scriptures - Treasures from 1 Samuel.

- **1 Samuel 16:1-13 (NKJV)**

¹ Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons."

² And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears *it*, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'

³ Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you."

⁴ So Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Do you come peaceably?"

- ⁵ And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.
⁶ So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD'S anointed *is* before Him."
⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For *the Lord does not see as man sees*; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."
⁸ So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

- ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."
¹⁰ Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these."
¹¹ And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here."
¹² So he sent and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this *is* the one!"
¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

Samuel's Mission

- Now the LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel?” While **Samuel** was still grieving over **Saul**, the **LORD** told him bluntly to face the fact that Saul was **rejected**; God had chosen another man to rule His people. The one who really should be weeping and grieving is not weeping at all. It should be Saul with the tears. What has happened is in the past. What's done is done..
- Paul put it this way... [Philippians 3:13, 14](#)—“*Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*”.
- “Samuel it is time to go forward. **Get up** and quit mourning.”

- “**Fill** your horn with oil” Oil was used in the inauguration of kings, as [1Sa 10:1](#); [1Ki 1:39](#). Here it is used to designate David as the successor to Saul, even though he still remained a subject of Saul.
- “And **go**; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons.” Upon God's rejection of Saul, God sent Samuel to make known to Jesse and his family who was to be the next King and anoint David to succeed Saul upon his death. Samuel was old, not far from his death, and would die before Saul. It was necessary that David's anointing should be done by Samuel before he died. The anointing of the new king was a secret affair, not to be made public for many years.

Samuel's Fear

- And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears *it*, he will kill me." To go to Bethlehem from Ramah, Samuel would pass through Gilead, Saul's capital. Samuel fears Saul will kill him if he anoints another to be king. He shows doubt as to God's ability to care for him. His fears are revealed to us just like others in scripture, the *failing heart* of Moses at the bush; the *doubting heart* of Gideon; and the *weary heart* of Elijah. When God calls you to a task, He will take care of the details.
- It appears that Saul had grown very wicked and outrageous since his rejection, otherwise Samuel would not have mentioned this. Samuel's faith was not as strong as one would have expected or he would not have feared the rage of Saul.

God's Answer

- And the LORD said, "**Take** a heifer with you," Samuel needed to take action and obtain a heifer for sacrifice.
- "and **say**, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" He had to tell others his reason for coming was to sacrifice.
- "Then **invite** Jesse to the sacrifice." He had to invite others to the sacrifice.
- Secrecy is not the same as deceit. God was not telling Samuel to lie about his intentions in **Bethlehem**; he really did offer a **sacrifice** there. His solution to Samuel's concerns was to conceal his plans. The concealment was not a deception. God gives Samuel a legitimate reason to travel to Bethlehem. He tells the prophet to take a heifer, offer a sacrifice there, and invite Jesse's family to the dinner that follows.
- [Proverbs 25:2](#)—*It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter.*

God's choice

- “and **I will show you** what you shall do; “
- God has His eyes on Jesse's family. He would instruct Samuel as to who should be anointed. God was instructing Samuel to follow His leading and guidance. He is trying to get us to do the same thing. God promises He will guide us if we will let Him.
- [Psalm 32:8](#)—*I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.*
- “**you shall anoint** for Me the one I name to you.”
- Saul was a king of the people's providing, he was the choice of their sinful desires; they desired him for themselves, and for their glory and safety, like the other nations. But this one whom the Lord names and has Samuel anoint will be the king of the Lord's providing, one he has chosen. “After God's own heart”

Samuel's coming

- When a prophet shows up unannounced, he doesn't always have good news.
- **The ARRIVAL—[vs. 4](#)** The entrance of Samuel into Bethlehem sparks terror and trembling.
- **B. The APPREHENSION—[vs. 4](#)** The people are scared. They wanted to know what they did wrong. They are afraid because visits of this nature are usually for the purpose of judgment or denouncing sin. It is the same feeling a kid might have when he is called to the principle's office at school.
- **C. The ASSURANCE—[vs. 5](#)** Samuel tells them he comes to peaceably make a sacrifice to the Lord.
- Treasures From the Scriptures

The Sacrifice

- And he said, “.... I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.
- After inviting **Jesse and his sons... to the** sacrificial feast, he looked over the men one by one, confident that the next king was before him. But none was the Lord's choice. **Samuel** should have learned from his experience with Saul that **the outward** man is not nearly as important as the inner man ([13:14](#)). God judges **the heart** ([v. 7](#)). Believer's Bible Commentary

- Jesse's oldest son Eliab is seen by Samuel and presumed to be the next king.
- When the Lord looked at Eliab, He did not find what He was looking for at all. He knew what was in his heart.
- Abinadab passes before Samuel, but he is not the man.
- Shamah and the rest of Jesse's sons except one come before Samuel, but with no avail. The underlying insight here is this... it is difficult to find a man after God's own heart. Is your desire the same as Paul's who said,
- [Philippians 3:10](#)—*"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death"*.
- We can fool people, but not the Lord who sees our heart. Treasures From the Scriptures

- God tells Samuel, "Look not on the outward appearance... the countenance, height, and stature." God's criteria was to look at the inward... the character and the heart of the person. God was looking for a man after His own heart . **1 Samuel 13:14 (NKJV)** "The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him *to be* commander over His people." A man of ...
- *character not compromise,*
- *courage, not consternation* or fear,
- *conviction, not convenience* for the moment,
- *consistency, not confusion* and changing beliefs.
- Our Lord is much more concerned about character than reputation. Reputation is what we project... what people think of us. It is what we can *package, perform, promote, and pretend*. Character is what God knows we are when no one is around. God's way of thinking is not the same as ours.

- God is still teaching Samuel even after years of service. God is looking at the heart and is looking for a man after His own heart. Samuel has looked at all of Jesse's sons but not one of them was God's choice.
- Samuel asked, "Are there anymore sons?" Samuel is told there is one more son... the youngest who keeps the sheep. He had not been called to the sacrifice.
- David was herding the sheep which was a job usually done by the servants of wealthy families. It was considered a menial job. God was preparing David for greater tasks.
- David was the *youngest* ([16:11](#)) meaning he was least in importance. He was least in his father's estimation; the last choice on his list but he was first on God's list because he was a young man after God's own heart.
- David is sent for and arrives on the scene. David not only had an outward beauty, but also an inward beauty. David had a heart for the Lord. Treasures From the Scriptures

- [16:4-13](#) When **Samuel** came to **Bethlehem**, the **elders... trembled**. After inviting **Jesse and his sons... to the** sacrificial feast, he looked over the men one by one, confident that the next king was before him. But none was the Lord's choice. **Samuel** should have learned from his experience with Saul that **the outward** man is not nearly as important as the inner man ([13:14](#)). God judges **the heart** ([v. 7](#)).
- **David** had to be **brought** to the feast. He was so insignificant in his father's eyes that **Jesse** was sure the prophet wouldn't be interested in him. But **the LORD** was very interested in the shepherd boy, and **Samuel**, obeying God's voice, **anointed... David**.
- Believer's Bible Commentary

The Anointed One

- “**you shall anoint** for Me the one I name to you.”
- When David arrived the LORD said, "**Arise, anoint him;** for this *is* the one!"
- Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.

Serving and Waiting

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹ For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *even* Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

- **Get up - quit mourning**
- **Fill – God’s word and Spirit**
- **Go – take action**
- **Take – sacrifice of praise Hebrews 13:15 (NKJV)**
- **Say – I have come**
- **Invite – to the sacrifice**
- **I will show you – God will lead**
- **you shall anoint – teaching others**