

DAVID AND THE KINGSHIP 1 SAM. 16:13-23

What do we find?

I. David was called to be king!

1 Samuel 16:1 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? **fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.**

1 Samuel 16:11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, **Are here all thy children?** And he said, **There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep.** And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. **1**

Samuel 16:12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. **And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. 1 Samuel 16:13** Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him **in the midst of his brethren:** and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 16:14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

Thoughts:

- **David was chosen by God**
- **David was chosen publicly**
- **David was anointed publicly**
- **David's anointing was his symbolic calling and enabling**
- **David was empowered by the Holy Spirit from that day forward**
- **Saul was abandoned & disempowered by the Holy Spirit from that day forward**

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Psalm 51:11 Cast me **not** away from thy presence; and take **not** thy holy spirit from me.

Judges 16:20 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. **And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.**

- **David obviously knew all of this!**

II. David was called...but not yet!

What went through David's mind? King? But how do I become king?

Most of the rest of the book will answer that question!

It would happen:

- **In God's time**
- **Not by David's hands**
- **Not by plots & plotting**
- **Not by murder**

1 Samuel 24:6 And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD.

1 Samuel 26:9 And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD'S anointed, and be guiltless? **1 Samuel 26:10** David said furthermore, As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish. **1 Samuel 26:11** The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD'S anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

- **But by & because of Saul's own choices**
- **As God brought this to pass**

“Rebels who ascend the throne by rebellion have no patience with other rebels and their rebellion.”

III. David was called first to serve!

1 Samuel 16:14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him. **1 Samuel 16:15** And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. **1 Samuel 16:16** Let our lord now command thy

servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. **1 Samuel 16:17** And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me. **1 Samuel 16:18** Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him. **1 Samuel 16:19** Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which is with the sheep. **1 Samuel 16:20** And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul. **1 Samuel 16:21** And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.

Thoughts:

- **David was serving before his call**
- **David went back to serving after his call**
- **David continued serving intermittently after serving Saul**

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1 Samuel 16:19 Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, **which is with the sheep.**

1 Samuel 17:14 And David was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul. **1 Samuel 17:15** **But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.**

- **David's brothers didn't value his service**

1 Samuel 17:28 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; **and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness?** I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. **1 Samuel 17:29** And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?

IV. David was called to serve and therefore learn kingship⁺!

1 Samuel 16:14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

1 Samuel 16:22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight. **1 Samuel 16:23** And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

1 Samuel 18:10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.

1 Samuel 19:9 And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand.

Luke 16:10 He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

Luke 16:11 If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

Luke 16:12 And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?