

## An Anointed Shepherd and Skillful Musician 1 Samuel 16

### I. A young shepherd is anointed as Israel's next king. (16:1-13)



#### A. God commands Samuel to anoint Israel's next king. (16:1-3)

- Saul had been rejected by God—and God already had the next king ready to anoint (13:14; 15:28, **34-35**)
- “Strike 1—Ch. 13,” “Strike 2—Ch. 15,” “Strike 3—Ch. 28)

#### B. Samuel travels from Ramah to Bethlehem (past Gibeon!) to sacrifice—and to ultimately meet with Jesse and his sons. (16:4-5)

#### C. God does not approve of any of Jesse's older sons to be the next king. (16:6-11)

#### D. David is chosen by God and Samuel anoints him to be the next king of Israel. (16:12-13)

### II. David enters Saul's court and serves Saul as a skilled musician and armor bearer. (16:14-23)

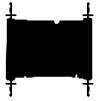


#### A. The Spirit of God departs from Saul and an evil, harmful spirit afflicts Saul. (16:14-17)

- The Holy Spirit's Old Testament ministry of “theocratic anointing” (Numbers 11:17; judges and kings of Israel) – Empowering leaders in Israel to lead and rule the nation according to God's Word and rule as a “theocracy” (God ruling through human servants).
- A harmful spirit replaces the Holy Spirit and negatively affects Saul physically, mentally, emotionally, publicly, and spiritually. (*This harmful spirit would temporarily remain and return into Saul's life –16:14, 15, 16, 23; 18:10; 19:9*)
- God used harmful or debilitating spirits to achieve His purposes and to bring judgment on individuals various times in the Old Testament (Judges 9:23; 1 Kings 22: 19-23)
- This sheds light on David's plea to God in **Psalm 51:10-12**...David would get a front row seat of what it looked like to have the Holy Spirit removed due to sinful actions on the part of the king.

**B. David is recommended with high praise to help Saul and Saul sends for David. (16:18-19)**

- David's quickly growing "resume" was a clear sign of God's blessing and the Holy Spirit's empowerment on his life.



- A lyre was a stringed instrument and is peaceful and soothing when skillfully played (*Video*). David was slowly and surely becoming "the sweet Psalmist of Israel" (2 Samuel 23:1)

- Saul unknowingly invited the next king of Israel come and minister to him.

**C. Jesse sends David to Saul and David prospers before Saul and ministers to him. (16:20-23)**

- Saul grows to love David makes him his armor-bearer (a close attendant or associate). **(14:52)**
- God blesses the music ministry of David and eventually allowed the harmful spirit to depart from Saul.
- David probably headed back home to Bethlehem at this time since his mission of comfort and help was finished.

### OBSERVATIONS

- *"The LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."* (16:7)
- *David would not be made king right away—in fact that doesn't happen until 2 Samuel! There is a lesson to be learned in patiently awaiting God's time and waiting on the Lord and being used by Him in the meantime for His glory.*
- *David honored Saul throughout his life as "God's anointed," even though Saul would become a perennial problem and threat to his life.*

### APPLICATION

- *No matter what the world may say, the greatest commendation is being approved by God as one who is "after His own heart."* (16:7)
- *We should not try to speed up God's plan for our lives. Instead, we should live faithfully for God's glory day in and day out as we depend on the Holy Spirit's leading (and permanent indwelling!)*

### LOOKING AHEAD: A Shepherd Defeats a Giant (1 Samuel 17)

- *Might have a study on the recurring themes of the "heart" & "the LORD was with him."*