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GOD'S CHOICE

► 1 Samuel 16

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."

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

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."

► 1 Samuel 15 v10

¹⁰ Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel: "I regret that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions." Samuel was angry, and he cried out to the LORD all that night.....

When Samuel reached him, Saul said, "The LORD bless you! I have carried out the LORD's instructions."

But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears? What is this lowing of cattle that I hear?"

Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the LORD?

To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king."

▶ **1 Samuel 15 v26-**

²⁶ But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not go back with you. You have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you as king over Israel!"

Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the LORD regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

► 1 Samuel 16

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.

So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him!"

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical 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."



► 1 Samuel 16

So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one" Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." 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."



► 1 Samuel 16

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!"

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.



David, a key person in God's plan

- *David was between 12-16 yr old when anointed but he only becomes King when he is 30 and reigned for 40 years*
- *In the meantime, God put David through a training program that nearly killed him and lasted approx. 15 years. 'Training for Reigning'*



▶ David the boy

- Family didn't think enough of him to invite him to feast.
- His father (dad) just considered him the 'kid who looks after the sheep'.
- His father doesn't see him as important.
- His father didn't see any 'kingly' attributes in him.
- His brothers, later at the battlefield with Goliath, treated him as 'insignificant'.
- King Saul mostly referred to David as the 'son of Jesse', not mentioning David by name.
- Labels that people put on others. 'How could I be significant in the kingdom of God?'



- ▶ **Rob Whittaker – Capernwray Bible College UK**
- ▶ **suggested these titles for David**
- **Getting the King out of the Boy**
- *God was going to bring out some great things that God had already planted in David's character/DNA*
- **Building the King into the Boy**
- *God was going to build value into David*
- **Training the Boy to be King**
- *Implies God & David going to work together and David will learn to be King.*

Getting the King out of the boy

- Implies there was great stuff inside David, downloaded in his DNA by God.
- Before he was anointed, he had been a fighter, as a young teenager he killed a bear, and a lion.
- David learned skills at throwing stones with a sling. Skills the Lord would put to use later.
- David learned to play the harp, he had musical talent.
- At night he looked at the stars and saw God's handiwork - he later wrote many of the Psalms.



3 Challenges in David's life

➤ 1. Enemy - Outside

- This enemy is mentioned over 120 times in OT.
- The Philistines lived in the southwest and were always attacking or raiding Israel for land or possessions.
- Philistines were always trying to take over land that God had promised Israel.
- Some people may oppose God's plan for our lives.



3 Challenges in David's life

➤ 2. Enemy - Alongside

- This enemy is mentioned over 300 times in OT.
- King Saul was the biggest enemy David faced in his country.
- Saul hated David – not in the beginning, but as David became popular and Saul's popularity waned, he hated David with a passion.
- Saul wanted to kill David, take him out.



3 Challenges in David's life

➤ 3. Enemy - Inside

- David, himself is mentioned over 470 times.
- David was awesome, he was a 'man after God's own Heart', but he had some major issues.
- Ps 42: *Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?*
- God grows us in difficult times.
- Ps 23: valley, shadows, death, enemies: prepare a table in the presence of my enemies.

