

# NOON BIBLE STUDY: 1 SAMUEL 16

## 1 SAMUEL 16 - DAVID ANOINTED AS KING

1 SAMUEL 16:1-3 - SAMUEL COMMISSIONED TO GO TO BETHLEHEM TO THE HOUSE OF JESSE. HE WILL TRAVEL THERE WITH THE SECONDARY PURPOSE OF MAKING A SACRIFICE, AS A COVER FOR HIS REAL PURPOSE.

### 1 SAMUEL 16:4-10 - JESSE'S SONS PASS BEFORE SAMUEL

V. 6-7 - SAMUEL SAW JESSE'S ELDEST SON, ELIAB AND ASSUMED HE WAS THE ONE. (CP. SAUL'S INTRODUCTION:

1 SAMUEL 9:2 - HE HAD A SON WHOSE NAME WAS SAUL, A CHOICE AND HANDSOME MAN, AND THERE WAS NOT A MORE HANDSOME PERSON THAN HE AMONG THE SONS OF ISRAEL; FROM HIS SHOULDERS AND UP HE WAS TALLER THAN ANY OF THE PEOPLE.

Q - WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT "GOD SEES NOT AS MAN SEES...THE LORD LOOKS AT THE HEART"?

- THE "HEART" IN SCRIPTURE REFERS TO A PERSON'S INWARD MORAL AND SPIRITUAL LIFE, INCLUDING THE EMOTIONS, WILL, AND REASON. (ESV STUDY BIBLE ON 1 SAMUEL 16:7)

SIDE NOTE: 1 SAMUEL 16:7 IS OFTEN MISAPPLIED TO INFER THAT OUTWARD BEHAVIOR IS NOT IMPORTANT. OFTEN TIMES BACKSLIDDEN CHRISTIANS WILL CITE THIS VERSE WHEN CONFRONTED ABOUT THEIR BEHAVIOR. "GOD KNOWS MY HEART", OR "GOD SEES MY HEART" ETC. CONTEXTUALLY THIS VERSE IS NOT IMPLYING THAT BEHAVIOR IS NOT IMPORTANT TO GOD, BUT THAT IN CHOOSING DAVID, GOD WAS NOT LOOKING AT WHAT THE NATION MIGHT HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR (THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE AND STATURE LIKE WITH SAUL), BUT INSTEAD WAS CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT WAS IN THE NEXT KING'S HEART. OF COURSE THE POSTURE OF THE NEW KING'S HEART WOULD ENSURE HIS BEHAVIOR WOULD BE GODLY AS WELL.

### 1 SAMUEL 16:11-13 — DAVID ANOINTED KING

- AS WE SAW WITH SAUL, WHEN SAMUEL ANOINTS (HEBREW: *MASHACH*) DAVID, HE IS SET APART AS THE KING. BUT DAVID'S PRESENTATION TO THE PEOPLE AND ACTUAL REIGN WILL NOT BEGIN. HOWEVER, FROM A SPIRITUAL PERSPECTIVE DAVID IS THE NEW KING.

Q — WHAT DOES IT SAY THAT DAVID, THE YOUNGEST SON OF JESSE, WASN'T EVEN INVITED IN FROM THE SHEEP WHEN THE MAN OF GOD (SAMUEL) CAME TO VISIT THE FAMILY?

V. 12 — DAVID WAS "RUDDY", HAD BEAUTIFUL EYES, AND A HANDSOME APPEARANCE. IT WASN'T THAT SAUL WAS HANDSOME AND DAVID WAS NOT, BUT THAT HANDSOME DAVID ALSO HAD A BEAUTIFUL HEART.



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V. 13 — THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD COMES UPON DAVID. A CRITICAL ELEMENT TO DAVID'S SERVICE AS GOD'S ANOINTED KING.

1 SAMUEL 16:14-19 — SAUL TERRORIZED BY EVIL SPIRIT.

V. 14 — NOTE THE CONTRAST WITH V. 13. "THIS STATEMENT IS NOT RELEVANT TO THE ISSUE OF WHETHER PEOPLE CAN LOSE THEIR SALVATION: IT IS NOT DESCRIBING THE HOLY SPIRIT'S ROLE IN INDIVIDUAL REGENERATION IN A NT SENSE. RATHER, IN LIGHT OF V. 13, IT SHOULD BE SEEN AS BEING ABOUT GAINING OR LOSING THE SPIRIT'S EMPOWERING FOR THE ROLE OF KING" (ESV STUDY BIBLE, 1 SAMUEL 16:14)

V. 18-19 — THE IRONY OF "KING" DAVID SERVING IN THE COURT OF "KING" SAUL

V. 18 — "THE LORD IS WITH HIM..." - THIS WILL BECOME A COMMON THEME FOR DAVID.

1 SAMUEL 16:20-23 - DAVID'S SERVICE IN SAUL'S COURT

V. 21 — "ARMOR BEARER": AN ARMOR-BEARER WAS A CLOSE PERSONAL ATTENDANT. BOTH JONATHAN'S ARMOR-BEARER (14:1) AND SAUL'S (31:4-5) HAD A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR MASTERS. (ESV STUDY BIBLE, 1 SAMUEL 16:21)

V. 23 — DAVID'S PLAYING WAS BEAUTIFUL, BUT IT WAS ALSO WAS SPIRITUAL. THERE IS GOOD REASON TO SEE DAVID'S PLAYING AS WORSHIP AND PRAISE (AS OPPOSED TO SECULAR SONGS) SINCE HE WILL BECOME THE GREAT PSALMIST. PRAISE HAS POWER TO FORCE EVIL SPIRITS TO FLEE.