

THE RISE AND FALL OF
DAVID

1 Samuel 16:1-13 | Dr. Gary J. Oliver



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...“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.”

- 1 SAMUEL 15:22 NIV



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CHAPTER 17 David slays Goliath



1 SAMUEL 16:1 NIV

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. **I have chosen one of his sons to be king.**”



SAMUEL

- major prophet
- two books named after him
- rejected as a leader because of his age



KING SAUL

- disobeyed God's commands
- lied about what he had done
- forfeited his throne



1 SAMUEL 16:2a ^{NIV}

But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

God has rejected Saul.

What will Saul do when he hears Samuel has anointed a new king?



1 SAMUEL 16:2b-4 NIV

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’”³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

Samuel is afraid of Saul.
Bethlehem is afraid of Samuel.



1 SAMUEL 16:5-7 NIV

Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.
⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.” ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”



People look at the **OUTWARD** appearance,
but the LORD looks at the **HEART.**



Most of us **spend** *tons of time*, money, anxiety, etc.
working on our **OUTWARD** appearance...
and **invest** comparatively *little time*
working on our **HEART.**



1 SAMUEL 16:8-11 NIV

Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”



God loves to find his leaders in
UNEXPECTED PLACES.



1 SAMUEL 16:12 NIV

So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”



David was a man with the **HEART** of a shepherd...

About 1,000 years later another shepherd was born:
the Messiah.



1 SAMUEL 16:13 ^{NIV}

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.



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He goes back to being a shepherd... a nobody.



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He was FAITHFUL IN LITTLE
and he became a man that God could trust.



**This week, what might it look like for
us to be FAITHFUL IN LITTLE?**



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I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ was no mere man. Between Him and every other person in the world there is no possible term of comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, and I have founded empires. But on what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded his empire upon love; and at this hour millions of men would die for him.

- NAPOLEON BONAPARTE IN 1820



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to be faithful in little... to love, serve, and obey?



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Who might YOU be more patient... kinder... a better listener...
more forgiving... an encourager to?

