

David - This is He

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1 Samuel 16:1-12 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 Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee. And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him. But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these. 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. 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.

- I. What profit is there in studying the lives of the major Bible characters?
 - A. There is very much profit in the study of these lives whose stories God has chosen to preserve for us in great detail.
 - B. They inspire us to walk closer to God and to leave a testimony to our posterity.
 1. Both through their victories and their failures.
 - C. Some would say we only need to look to Jesus and that these were just men.
 1. But Jesus is the perfect man, and the perfect standard.
 2. The fact that these were just men of like passions as we are is the very reason we need to study their lives and learn how they dealt with the troubles and trials of life.
 3. They were not flawless, but they excelled and showed other men the heights that were possible.
 4. If all we are shown is a perfect example and then told we can never measure up it kills the incentive to try very hard, or to shoot very high.
 5. But when we see what other men have done when they walked with God and stepped out in faith, it inspires us to do the same.
 - D. To learn of these people also inspires hope in us in the dark time we live in.
 1. All of these people arose in dark and troubled times.
 2. God had provided and prepared them for “such a time as this” and they were ready.
 3. He has done the same for our troubled times, also.
 - E. What can we learn from the life of David?

1. How to deal with discouragement and defeat and disappointment.
2. How to avoid situations where we will be tempted.
3. How to repent.
4. How to pray.
5. How to treat other people.
6. How to love.
7. How to respect God-given authority.
8. How to be a servant.
9. How to be a leader.
10. How to praise God.
11. How to trust God.
12. How to walk with God.
13. How to endure.
14. How to have courage – and how to not have fear.
15. How and when to fight and not to fight.
16. How to live and how to die.
17. And so much more.

II. “This is he...” the Lord said to Samuel.

- A. This is the one that I have chosen to be the king of Israel forever.
- B. This is the one on whose throne the Son of God will sit.
- C. This is the one who will write the Psalms and who will defeat all the enemies of Israel and establish the kingdom of my people.
- D. This is the one who is least like Saul.
- E. But he was just a lad – a ruddy-faced boy, who was the least esteemed in his family.
 1. His father had not even thought of bringing him in to the sacrifice and the purpose of Samuel’s visit.
 2. He was not the people’s choice, but he was God’s choice.
- F. David’s character is exactly what the people would say they want, but they would still vote for the Sauls who impress them more with their appearance and their words.
- G. The people had desired a king, so God gave them the kind of king they desired. (voted for, if you will)
- H. Then when their king has gone mad God give them a real king that God has prepared for the position.
- I. God does not take nominations from people about who He chooses to use.
- J. God does not choose men who others esteem highly.
 1. If He does he takes them to the backside of desert for 40 years, or out of sight for a number of years and away from the influence of those in those high places. (Paul)
- K. When Samuel left that day we can be pretty sure that he was anxious to see how this was going to play out.

III. Consider the circumstances that brought David from the wilderness to the throne.

- A. Insane leadership – a king who was mad (crazy).
- B. God’s rejection of Saul as the king.
 1. Because of his refusal to submit and obey the word of the Lord.
- C. The religious leader was mourning over Saul and his madness.
 1. To mourn is to grieve for - wishing it were not so.

2. To sorrow and grieve for the lost opportunity, the waste of such a promising leader.
 3. To see what the selfishness of one unqualified man has done to the country.
- D. The future looked very dim for Israel at this point.
1. The king had lost the confidence of the people and was ruling by an iron fist now, in his madness.
- E. But God is never cornered, or out of options, or caught by surprise.
1. He is never in a dilemma because He is always way ahead of man and where his sin and foolishness is going to take him.
- F. God has provided himself a king among the sons of Jesse, while Saul has been ignoring God's commands and losing his mind.
- G. God has provided himself a king among the sons of Jesse while the people were all enamored with Saul and being like the other countries around them.
- IV. It is an interesting point that David was anointed king long before he was actually reigning as king.
- A. David knew, his father knew, his brothers knew, and Samuel knew before anyone else in the world knew.
 - B. All these, including David himself, had no idea how it was going to come to pass that he would be king, but they all knew he had been anointed.
 - C. Some of them surely doubted the fact (his older brothers), but still they knew that David had been anointed.
 - D. God sees in the embryo what man cannot see until it is fully grown.
 - E. God had provided himself a king, now He is going to prepare him to be his king.
 - F. And so David begins his training to be the king of Israel forever, directed by God himself.