

1 Samuel Chapter 16

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 Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

² And Samuel said, How can I go? If Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take a heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

³ 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.

Verse 1 – How long are you gonna waste time with Saul when you see I’ve turned from him. God rejected him so why are you still grieved and tripping over this. Move on because Saul’s season is over. When the old season is over, God wants you to move on.

- Don’t care how much you love them, there may be a time when because of their disobedience, you have to move on.
- Get your oil and get ready to anoint a new king. Get filled with the Spirit-Spirit filled and move on.
- Don’t make a move unless your horn is filled. Saul was anointed with a glass, David has a much greater anointing.

Verse 2 – Samuel knew Saul would get mad and kill him if he found out (1 Sam 15:28). Saul had gotten so wicked inside that if he had found out that Samuel went to do the work of the Lord for the people, and it didn’t favor him, he would have tried to kill the prophet. Watch out for that. God tells him to go; he says how can that happen without something bad happening to me. How can I pull off what you’re telling me to do?

- God’s answer to get around his fears was say I am coming to sacrifice/worship the Lord.
- Worshipping the Lord can get you past your fears so you can do what God has asked you to do.
- Even the best men may not be perfect in their faith.
- Want to get the enemy to leave you alone, have true worship.

Verse 3 – Call others to worship. Only during the worship and sacrifice will God reveal more to him.

- Good news, get the Holy Ghost and move and He will tell you what to do next.

- You don't need to know the whole story or details. He'll tell you what you need to get started, more details will come when you get there. Some people won't move without all the details; that's not faith.

4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 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.

Verse 4 – Samuel obeyed. The elders are scared of him. Why? Because he was connected to Saul and Saul was crazy by now. He was guilty by association....that is a clear sign that it's time to move on. Another possibility is they may have feared that his presence was because God was displeased with them and ready to spank them. Notice it was the elders who knew enough to be concerned.

- Bethlehem – house of Bread, where David is from.

Verse 5 – Peace, associated with worship. Samuel invites them to do two things:

- Sanctify or separate yourself – dedicate, be hallowed, devoted.
- Come to sacrifice and worship...when you do so, come peaceably and not looking for drama.
- Sanctify came before the call to sacrifice. Meaning, they had to get themselves right before they could really do the whole sacrifice and worship thing correctly.
- Better come correct before you come before the Lord.
- Jesse = I possess; son of Boaz and David's father.

6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.

Verse 6 – Samuel looks at Jesse's oldest son Eliab. Eliab means = my God is father.

- Samuel looked at him and based upon looks alone, he said Eliab must be the anointed one God is choosing. Application for today? Just because it looks great on the outside, doesn't mean that this is God's best for you.

7 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.

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

Verse 7 – Advice from God is don't look at the outside alone. Don't pay attention to their stature.

- Even though Eliab looked good on the outside, God refused him because He looks at the inside or heart of the person.
- Be careful how you see and look at things. Men look at the outside but God discerns the heart. How can we see things like God does? We need the Holy Spirit to correctly discern. Observe their nature or what comes out of them from the inside...their character.
- I can tell you how people look, but God can tell you how they are. We need to understand what their motivation and intent is.

Verse 8 – Abinadab was next and his name means = my father is noble or my father is willing.

- That's nice, but God didn't choose him either. Wonder what God is looking for?

Verse 9 – Shammah was next and his name means = astonishment. God didn't chose that either.

Verse 10 – 1 Chronicles 2:13-15 lists the sons of Jesse. The remaining sons listed were:

- Nethaneel and his name means = given of God
- Raddai = trampling or subduing
- Ozem = I shall hasten them
- David is the last son and his name translate to = beloved.

So the meaning of the names not chosen reads like this: My God is father, my father is willing, I can surprise you, what God has given me, I can subdue or trample stuff, and I am in a hurry. Nice names, but God doesn't choose this.

11 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.

12 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.

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

Verse 11 – You got anyone else? Samuel knows something isn't right because God wouldn't have sent him there and have him leave without accomplishing his mission. Samuel is not leaving until the job is done. Jesse tells him about the youngest son. Jesse held him back. He was a shepherd, practicing what God was going to call him to do, watch over His sheep.

- Samuel is not going to sit down and enjoy worship until David, the last one comes there.
- David was the youngest, the least but he didn't get passed over. Application, don't worry if you're the least, when you are beloved you won't get passed over. Everybody else invited inside but he was left outside.
- David comes from a humble place like Moses.

Verse 12 – Ruddy = red, pleasant to look at or agreeable to look upon. This was God's choice. A beloved son. This is so similar to Jesus Christ. David serves as a "type" of Christ in his calling.

Verse 13 – The one they didn't expect, the one that was outside, the one in the field and forgotten about, is the one that is brought inside and lifted up with honor in the middle of his brothers. They were older, but he was chosen. They had it going on, but he was chosen. Men rejected him and didn't consider him, but God chose him. Reference Psalm 89:20, Acts 13:22.

- If God chooses you, it really doesn't matter what other folk think or try and hold you back; He will make a way.
- How do you know God has chosen someone for a greater work and leadership; the anointing will be poured out over them.
- From that day on, the Spirit of the Lord was upon him. It was on him from then on.

Application for Today: This portion of the story should be a great encouragement to those who feel rejected. God chooses the humble. The job you are doing right now, as menial as it might seem, may very well be the experience you need for your next season. Do your current job/assignment well.

14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him. 15 And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee.

Verse 14 – Holy Spirit left Saul. Just because you had the Spirit once, doesn't mean He will stay around when you are disobedient. When God's Holy Spirit leaves you, expect to be in trouble. God takes His mercy away (see 2 Sam 7:15). The devil by permission troubles Saul.

Verse 15 – His servants knew what the deal was or where the trouble was coming from.

16 Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on a harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. 17 And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me.

18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him.

19 Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which is with the sheep.

Verse 16 – David anointed, but in the meantime, Saul is still on the throne. The real King will take over in just a little while. Saul is still king, but God is still at work preparing the way for the true King. David is a type of Christ as King. Just because you have the anointing, doesn't mean you are going to be received or step immediately into your future assignment right away.

- The answer to Saul's problem is to find a man who is skilled on a harp. If he plays the harp, after a while, when the evil spirit jumps on you, the playing from the anointed will comfort you.

Verse 17 – Saul wants them to find a person like that who can play well.

Verse 18 – David is recommended because he could play well, he is mighty and brave, knew how to fight, wise in matters, decent to look at, and God is with him.

Application for Today: I would want anyone who is running or participating in the music ministry to have these traits. The most important I think is that God be with them. I still think today the power of an anointed music ministry can give you some relief from the problem that is bothering you.

Verse 19 – Saul asked for David who was still with the sheep. Wait, David is anointed, but patiently still waiting while taking care of the sheep.

Application for Today: Just chill, it's coming. Gotta have the Spirit in order to be patient and wait on the Lord. Just because you have been called doesn't mean you can skip the preparation you need to be successful in your next season.

²⁰And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul.

²¹And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.

²²And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.

²³And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took a harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

Verse 20 – Jesse sends a communion meal with David for Saul.

Verse 21 – David stands before a rejected King but because of his ministry and character, Saul loves him and makes him his armor-bearer.

- David is an armor-bearer and servant before he becomes a king. This assignment allows him to see how the kingdom works so he could learn by watching. Application: You better watch and serve in this season in preparation for where God is getting ready to take you.

Verse 22 – Saul asks if David can stay because he found favor with the king.

Verse 23 – Because of his connection with David, and his skill with the harp, what he did refreshed Saul, gave him strength, made things better for Saul; causes the evil spirit to leave him.

- There must be some power in praise and worship. Worship and the Psalms can cause the problem troubling you to go away for a time.
- Good music can help ease your mind, but it can't save you because Saul was still evil, just not clowning at the time the music played. Saul = desired.