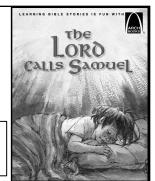
# the book of 1st Samuel

Thursday Morning Bible Class

1 Samuel 16:1-23



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#### Samuel Anoints David - 16:1-13

- † C. 1019 About a year later
- † 1—Samuel is still grieving over the demise of Saul. This experiment of a king is not going well.
- † God steps in and says, "Get over it!" Go and anoint the next king. He is among the family of Jesse in Bethlehem.

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- † 2 Samuel reacts in fear that if Saul hears about it he would be killed.
- † 3 Samuel is to go to Bethlehem as if he was going to offer a sacrifice and invite Jesse to join him. Sort of divinely sanctioned deception.
- † 4—The elders of Bethlehem are not happy to see Samuel. He is someone to be feared.

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- † 5 Samuel invites the elders, especially Jesse, to join him in this sacrifice.
- † 6 As the sons of Jesse come before Samuel to be consecrated (a ritual washing), He mentally searches for the one chosen.
- † Eliab ("child of God") had to be the one.

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- † 7 God teaches Samuel (and us!) a lesson: God looks not on outward appearance, but on the heart.
- † 8 Next is Abinadab ("my father is noble"), but he is not chosen either.
- † 9 Next is Shamah ("astonishing" or "destroying"). Not him either.

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- † 10 Seven sons pass before Samuel, but God has not chosen any of them. What, or who, is God looking for?
- † 11 There is one more son, the youngest, tending the sheep. He is to be brought.
- † 12 David is described as "ruddy" ("red"). He had red hair or reddish skin. He had "beautiful eves" and was "handsome."

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- † 13 Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David.
- † The "Spirit of God" rushed upon David.
- † Samuel then went home. Only one other time do Samuel and David interact (ch. 19)

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## David in Saul's Service - 16:14-23

- † 14 The Spirit of God comes to David, but departs from Saul. It is replaced by a "harmful" (evil) spirit, sent by God.
- † It is the consequence of disobeying God's commands.
- † 15-16 Saul's servants recommend music therapy.

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## David in Saul's Service - 16:14-23

- † 18 A servant tells about David with 7 characteristics:
  - † 1) He is a son of Jesse
  - † 2) He can play an instrument
  - † 3) He is a man of valor
  - † 4) He is a warrior
  - † 5) He is eloquent.
  - † 6) He is handsome
  - † 7) The Lord is with him.

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- † 21 A difficult verse to translate. The Hebrew only has pronouns and the antecedents are not clear.
- † While Saul never shows love for David, but David showed love for Saul.
- † "David came to Saul. David served Saul. David loved Saul. David became one of Saul's servants."

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# David in Saul's Service - 16:14-23

- † 22 Saul asks Jesse for David to remain in his service.
- † 23 For a while this is effective. David's playing soothed Saul.

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