

1 Samuel 16:1-13 **David Anointed King of Israel**

Command to go to Jesse the Bethlehemite

1 Now the Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons."

2 And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me."

But the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' 3 Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you."

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4 So Samuel did what the Lord said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Do you come peaceably?"

5 And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him!"

7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

8 So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one."

9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one."

10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these."

11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep."

And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here." 12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!"

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.

So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

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Facts Revealed:

Command to go to Jesse the Bethlehemite [1 Samuel 16:1-3]

✧ Yahweh rejected Saul from being king after Saul had repeatedly disobeyed God's commands. [1 Samuel 13:5-14, 15:1-35]

- ✧ Though Yahweh had rejected Saul from being king, Samuel continued to mourn for Saul. [1 Samuel 15:35, 16:1]
- ✧ God's decision stands, and after the Lord rejected Saul, Yahweh indicates to Samuel that there is a time to forget him who was rejected by the Lord and to move on to advance the kingdom. [1 Samuel 16:1]
- ✧ Yehowah commanded Samuel to go to Bethlehem and anoint one of the sons of Jesse as king. [1 Samuel 16:1]
- ✧ Samuel knew the nature and character of Saul, his zeal to retain the power of king, his bent for rash and violent reaction to any perceived challenge to his authority. Therefore Samuel said to the Lord, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." [1 Samuel 16:2]
- ✧ The Lord gave Samuel instructions to follow: "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you." [1 Samuel 16:2-3]

David Anointed King of Israel [1 Samuel 16:4-13]

- ✧ So Samuel did what the Lord said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" [1 Samuel 16:4]
 - ✧ Bethlehem is outside the normal circuit of Samuel's ministry, so the Elders were uncertain of the intent of Samuel's visit to their city. [1 Samuel 7:15-17]
- ✧ Samuel said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. [1 Samuel 16:5]
- ✧ God looks at the heart, whereas men look at the outward appearance.
 - ✧ Samuel thought the sons of Jesse all looked good, but God rejected all present and Samuel called for the youngest to be brought in from the sheep. [1 Samuel 16:6-11]
 - ✧ David was brought in and the Lord said: "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!"
- ✧ Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.
 - ✧ The seeds of resentment were planted when David was anointed king in front of his brothers, like the resentment regarding the choice of Joseph over his brothers.
 - ✧ The Holy Spirit comes upon the chosen of the Lord with all His gifts and insights.
 - ✧ The Holy Spirit remained with David all his life because David had a heart after God, as evidenced by his words and actions, except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. [1 Kings 15:5]
- ✧ Samuel returned to his home in Ramah.