

## David God's Chosen Man: Persecuted by Saul

*1 Samuel 16 - 31*

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### The Anointing of David: A Contrast with Saul

*1 Samuel 16*

#### CHAPTER 16

**1** And Jehovah said to Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thy 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 shall I go? if Saul hear *it*, he will kill me. And Jehovah said, Take a heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to Jehovah. **3** And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will tell thee what thou shalt do; and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee. **4** And Samuel did what Jehovah said, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the city came trembling to meet him, and said, Dost thou come peaceably? **5** And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice to Jehovah. Hallow yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he hallowed Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

**6** And it came to pass when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely Jehovah's anointed is before him. **7** But Jehovah said to Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have rejected him; for it is not as man seeth; for man looketh upon the outward appearance, but Jehovah looketh upon the heart. **8** Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither has Jehovah chosen this one. **9** Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, Neither has Jehovah chosen this one. **10** And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, Jehovah has not chosen these.

**11** And Samuel said to Jesse, Are these all the young men? And he said, There is yet the youngest remaining, and behold, he is feeding the sheep. And Samuel said to Jesse, Send and fetch him; for we will not sit at table till he come hither.

**12** And he sent and brought him in. And he was ruddy, and besides of a lovely countenance and beautiful appearance. And Jehovah said, Arise, anoint him; for this is he. **13** And Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren. And the Spirit of Jehovah came upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

**14** And the Spirit of Jehovah departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from Jehovah troubled him. **15** And Saul's servants said to him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubles thee. **16** Let our lord now speak; thy servants are before thee: they shall seek out a man, a skilful 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 to his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me. **18** And one of the young men answered and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skilled in playing, and he is a valiant man and a man of war, and skilled in speech, and of good presence, and Jehovah is with him. **v.18** Here we have the moral characteristics of David. David was known for:

- musical ability (could calm troubled spirits)
- valiance (protective)
- good speaker (his conversation was profitable and encouraging)
- comely (a reflection of the beauties of Christ)
- the Lord was with him (Lord was on his side)

**19** Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, Send me David thy son, who is with the sheep. **20** And Jesse took an ass with bread, and a flask of wine, and a kid, and sent *them* by David his son to Saul. **21** And David came to Saul, and stood before him; and he loved him greatly; and he became his armour-bearer. **22** And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he has found favour in my sight. **23** And it came to pass, when the *evil* spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took the harp, and played with his hand; and Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.