

1 Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have selected a king for Myself among his sons."

There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Sam is a man, friend you want, he grieves even when God has rejected Saul because of rebellion. Best way to get over sorrow, melancholy is get to work for Lord. Sends to house of Jesse. God's choice this time not peoples.

2 But Samuel said, "How can I go? When Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' 3 "And you shall invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for Me the one whom I designate to you."

After God rejects Saul gets worse, paranoid, even his greatest supporter is afraid of him & what he might do....*kill me*. So God instructs--prudence not presumption. Willing to turn on chief supporter. People two categories **High maintenance, low loyalty high loyalty low maintenance**

Israel rejected Gods theocracy--God rule...wanted to be like the pagan nations monarchy rule by man....so king of their choice--**looks good**. God accommodated & it's a disaster--God came down to their level but this time it's Gods choice of the man to rule as king.

As long as he follows the Lord things are good but when he leaves God correction comes. God brings to level we allow, highs of God-lows of man.

4 So Samuel did what the LORD said, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the city came trembling to meet him and said, "Do you come in peace?" 5 And he said, "In peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." He also consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

Stepping out in faith can be risky—great success or down tubes. Sam could lose life by jealous Saul---we play it too safe. Mario Andretti

Good thing *tremble* treating God's message w/ sense of reverence but they feared Saul, he erratic & people afraid of him. Sam calms them, says in peace so get selves ready for sacrifice—wash and change clothes. Jesses invited who is grandson of Boaz & Ruth—great grandson of Rahab of Jericho.

6 Then it came about when they entered, that he looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him." 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Sam prone to make same mistake as before, swayed by appearance.

Prophecy of Christ *Is 11:3 And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear---*time & testing shows what's inside.

God's choosing don't always fit w/ our perceptions—weak over strong, no name over famous. Those who are most desperate for the life of God.

Strong don't know they are weak... Their like *1Cor 8:2 If anyone thinks that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know;* Paul realized when weak, I'm strong *2Co 12:10*

Eliab first born pride of his father Jesse – super ego can live thru son – No! – bubble bust – **I read of famous father embarrassed by son—son spent life trying get fathers approval-Paul Newman.** Eliab had impressive look like Saul—Sam about to make same mistake if not for God superimposing His will. We can do same & often have to so over until we get it right. With a right spirit are teachable for ministry...Right talent w/ wrong spirit can bring turmoil ministry

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 9 Next 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. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are these all the children?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and behold, he is tending the sheep." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here."

Seven sons but none Lord's choice. After the seven Sam wondering if he has wrong house. Notice Jesse not even consider David the youngest, Sam had to ask—*youngest* lit least, unrecognized, unimportant, weakest—Was Jesse embarrassed? *Tending sheep*, menial task, daily chores. David not even invited to feast--passed over not considered w/ brothers.

12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. 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 brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

David barely a teen but in God's eyes he's king & happened 15 years later. If only we could see as God sees & not write people off who don't meet our standards.

David's looked beyond family for his identity, self worth, who he was. He looked to God, composing worship songs under the stars at night. True self worth can only be found in our relationship & fellowship w/ God.

His brothers didn't get it 17:28 they not impressed. *Anointing* not empty act but came w/ divine power. David grew inwardly, Godly character developed as outward circumstances deteriorated—one point he said *all is against me*

14 Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him. 15Saul's servants then said to him, "Behold now, an evil spirit from God is terrorizing you. 16"Let our lord now command your servants who are before you. Let them seek a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall come about when the evil spirit from God is on you, that he shall play the harp with his hand, and you will be well." 17So Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me." 18Then one of the young men answered and said, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is a skillful musician, a mighty man of valor, a warrior, one prudent in speech, and a handsome man; and the LORD is with him."

Saul turned from God and God turned from him. Saul grieved the Spirit who left and God sent evil spirit to terrorize bring to repentance **1Ki 22** Saul's protection removed-A person either ruled by God or flesh & opens door evil spirits.

Saul changed radically demon oppression. He gets temporary relief but it's terminal problem of rebellion the sin of witchcraft...Music calms or excites

19 So Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David who is with the flock." 20And Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread and a jug of wine and a young goat, and sent them to Saul by David his son. 21Then David came to Saul and attended him, and Saul loved him greatly; and he became his armor bearer. 22And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David now stand before me; for he has found favor in my sight." 23So it came about whenever the evil spirit from God came to Saul, David would take the harp and play it with his hand; and Saul would be refreshed and be well, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

Problem w/ fixing spiritual problems w/ sensory solutions—mantras, hypnosis, psychology, may calm and soothe but only confession, humbling self before Lord is long term—He is the fixer of all things not soul solutions

Music can change atmosphere but only God can deal w/ devil,...Saul's mind is calmed but heart remains same. Harp oldest musical instrument in bible 8-10 strings pluck w/ finger or pick

Saul for a time snaps out of it, David went home to keep sheep.