

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13 -- DAVID ANOINTED KING!

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Chapter 16– God tells Samuel to Anoint David as King of Israel

Israel's first king, Saul, chosen by the people, has failed because of his pride and disobedience. Samuel has been mourning this situation. Now God tells him to "move on". Go to Bethlehem and anoint one of the sons of Jesse, who God has ***provided Myself a king among his sons.*** Samuel obeys!

SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID AS KING!

1Sa 16:1-13 - 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."

- Even with all of Saul's failures and his rejection by God from being the king of Israel, Samuel continues to show great love for him.
- God says to Samuel, "It's time to move on". I did not call you just to dwell on what's happening around you!

1Sa 16:2 And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me."

- Samuel sort of interrupts God and expresses his fear of the irrational King Saul.
- Anointing a new king, while one presently is on the throne, is considered treason, punishable by death!

But the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'

- Note this interruption is like a quick prayer - "Samuel said", then the Lord answers by, "But the LORD said"
- Is God's plan here, one of deception and untruth? No, Samuel is being told to be completely truthful, but the secrecy of the situation requires him not to be completely open. Secrecy should not be deceitful!

1Sa 16:3 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."

- Going on with His plan, God tells Samuel what to do.

1Sa 16:4 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?"

- Most likely, Samuel didn't come to Bethlehem often. Also, all Israel would have heard how Samuel recently had hacked King Agag to pieces!

1Sa 16:5 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.

- Samuel responds, I have come peaceably to sacrifice to the LORD, to consecrate Jesse and his sons and we will sacrifice to the LORD!
- Jesse and his sons were not to just watch Samuel sacrifice this heifer. They would watch the sacrifice, then they would share in a large ceremonial meal, eating the meat that came from the sacrificed animal.

1Sa 16:6 So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him!"

- We see Samuel continuing to follow the LORD's plan for the anointing of the next king of Israel, whom the LORD, not man this time, will choose!
- Samuel saw a tall, good looking young man who looked like he would be a great king and leader.
- It is interesting to notice how the spiritual man, Samuel, falls prey to the outward appearance of Eliab.
- One would think, being reminded of the goodly appearance of failed Saul, that at this point Samuel would not be so quick to say, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him!"

1Sa 16:7 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."

- The LORD clearly speaks to Samuel, reminding him that what is important to the LORD is not ***appearance*** or ***physical stature***, but the condition of the heart!
- God was telling Samuel, "Your natural inclination is to only judge on outward appearance. But I can judge the heart that you can't see. So, look to Me, and don't be so quick to judge a person only on their outward appearance."

- Samuel needed to know his natural inclination to judge only on outward appearance, but he didn't have to give into it. He could seek the LORD and seek God's heart and mind when looking at people.
- What an important reminder this is to each of us!

1Sa 16:8-10 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."

- With the passing by of all the seven sons of Jesse, Samuel has not heard the LORD choosing any among them.
- Samuel must have thought, oh no, did I miss something here by not choosing any of the seven sons?
- Samuel had a problem. God had told him of Jesse, *I have provided Myself a king among his sons*. Yet here were the seven, good-looking sons of Jesse, and God had not chosen any of these.

1Sa 16:11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?"

- Samuel knew God's word was true. He knew there must be another son of Jesse who was not at the sacrificial feast.
- He now wisely asks 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."

- Notice how overlooked David was at this point. Even his own father didn't consider him worthy of even being invited in with the other seven older sons!
- God sees and knows all of us! No matter where we are or what our position or situation is, He knows each one who loves Him and has a heart for Him!
- Does God have you keeping the sheep right now? Are you in a humble, lowly, servant's place, but feel that God has called you to greater things? That will be fulfilled as you are faithful in keeping the sheep right where you are at.
- This isn't waiting time, this is training time! David was a great man, and a great king over Israel, because he never lost his shepherd's heart.

1Sa 16:12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy (reddish), with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!"

- Samuel is clearly told, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!"
- The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD had commanded him to be commander over His people.
- This is My choice! How completely different from Saul, who was chosen by man.

1Sa 16:13 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.

- We note that nothing is recorded at this time of anything being said, during this anointing. It will be about 25 years before David becomes king and begins reigning.
- From the actions of David, Jesse, and David's brothers from this point on, we can gather that only God and Samuel knew exactly what was happening here.
- So obedient Samuel anoints David as the next king of Israel!

SUMMARY:

- There can be times of mourning, but also there are times when God tells us, "move on"!
- During times of demands for secrecy, we need to be completely honest, but not completely open.
- What Samuel is being told by God is completely truthful, but the secrecy of the situation requires him not to be completely open. Secrecy should not be deceitful! Prayer is always needed in such instances.
- What a great and needed truth: *For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.*
- How very important is our heart toward the LORD!
- **2Ch 16:9** *For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.*
- We see three outward evidences of God's destiny for David's life. The first was the anointing. He received that immediately. The second was the spiritual battle with Saul. The final evidence was when he received the crown and was enthroned in Israel, some 25 years later.

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