

Called for Service to the King

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1 Samuel 16:11-23

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God provided for Himself a king

- God chose David^{16:1} after rejecting Saul
- *Man sees with eyes; but the Lord looks with the heart*^{16:7}
- God choose David and prepared David for His work
- God's perfect plan, not chance^{Act2:23}

Pulled from the Sheep Fields

- Pulled directly from the field and anointed¹³
- Did he fully understand? Presumably returned to fields
- Later called by Saul to his court¹⁹

Saul's Harmful Spirit

- Saul had disobeyed God^{15:26} and was rejected
- Rejection was spiritual, not outwardly apparent

Two parts:

- Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul¹⁴ - empowering
 - Believers have Spirit indwelling^{Jn3:3-8;1Cor2:14}
 - Spirit is blessing from God^{Lk11:13} to His children
 - Spirit gives believers joy^{Rom14:17}
- God seems to have punished Saul - harmful spirit tormented
 - not mental health issue – ancients blamed God for that
 - maybe supernatural, but not from God (denies text)
 - this was a harmful spirit as judgment^{Mk9:48}
 - Let Saul's life be a warning to you!

Even the World Can See the Problems in Saul's life

- Saul's advisors saw the problem¹⁵⁻¹⁶
- They missed the correct spiritual solution: repent^{Zech1:3}
- Much like modern psychology – naturalists, forget spiritual
- Advisors prescribed musical therapy, Saul agreed¹⁷

David Called for Saul's Service

- Surprise – God has just the guy... David¹⁸
- Skillful in playing – he can do music therapy :)
- man of valor; man of war - David was prepared by national setting and had gained a reputation
- prudent in speech - mouth speaks from the heart^{Lk6:45}. David knew God's Word^{Ps19:14} and it showed

See God's Providential Hand

- David was no accident – look to godly legacy... Ruth - great-grandmother; Boaz - great-grandfather; grandfather - Obed; father - Jesse

Serving the King

- God placed David to serve the rejected king of Israel
- Learned leadership; danger of non-repentance^{Psa 32:3-4,5}

Lessons for the Believer Today

- Learn from David how to conduct ourselves in a fallen world
- Submitted to unjust authority, trusted God^{Mt5:13-14}
- Was a blessing to Saul; Ran to God in repentance
- Understood only by God's mercy & steadfast love^{Ps51:1-2}
- Psalm 16 – David understood God's provision of Messiah!