

"THE LIFE OF DAVID"



A Nobody, Nobody Noticed

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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God replaces Saul as King because of Saul's Unfaithfulness

1. Saul made a Terrible Decision - 1 Samuel 13
 - a. What was that decision?

 - b. How did God respond?

 - c. Do you think you could have handled it better than Saul?

2. Saul made a Rash Vow - 1 Samuel 14
 - a. What was that vow?

 - b. Did Saul get a chance to fulfill his vow?

 - c. Have you ever made a vow that you had to answer for?

3. Saul made a Disobedient Choice - 1 Samuel 15
 - a. What was that choice?

 - b. What were the consequences for that choice?

 - c. How many people were affected by those consequences?

Now let's Compare Man with God – 1 Samuel 16:1-13

1. Man PanicsGod Provides
 - a. Samuel is like Chicken Little over Saul
 - i. How easy is it to fall into that “The sky is falling!” mentality?

 - ii. How do you keep yourself from that mentality? Is that working for you?

 - b. God is the Doting Father
 - i. We often have skewed visions of our fathers. What was your father like?

 - ii. How has your father shaped your image of God?

2. Man Fears..... God is Firm
 - a. Samuel is like First and Second Little Pig because of Saul
 - i. Do you feel complacent in your faith right now? Are there any dangers or snares at your door?

 - ii. Where do you run to when that danger comes?

 - b. God is the House of Bricks
 - i. Matthew 7:24-27 tells us to build our house upon the Rock. Who or what is that rock?

 - ii. Where do we find out more about this Rock? Are you learning everything you can about the Rock?

3. Man Reaches God Reveals

a. Samuel is the worried about the Color, Design, and Speakers

i. Why is it that the flash and lights of this life attract us the most?

ii. How do you get past all the distractions so that you can focus on God?

b. God is focused on the Warranty and the Gas Mileage

i. What is the most important part of your relationship with the Lord?

ii. Do you think God is more concerned with how much you can do for Him, or how close you can be to Him?

4. Man Presumes God Purposes

a. Jesse is like a Blind Date with Food Stuck in their Teeth

i. We tend to judge books by their covers, how dangerous is that for true evaluation?

ii. Jesse undoubtedly knew his sons. But, he still didn't consider David to be eligible for God's service. What does that say about what Jesse knew about God?

b. God is the Matchmaker that Knows the Hearts of Man

i. What do you think it means when the Bible tells us that God's ways are not our ways, His thoughts are not our thoughts?

ii. If we want to be faithful to God, where do we need to start?

5. God Speaks Man Submits

a. Samuel and Jesse are Scrounging to Cover the Check

i. When the sons start parading through, how many went passed before Samuel really got worried?

ii. Why do you think Jesse’s household was chosen?

b. God has already Paid the Bill

i. When we talk about the sovereignty of God, what do you think that is referring to?

ii. Why did God make them go through the motions of a “parade”? Why didn’t he just say, “I choose David!”

Now, in review, here are David’s Credentials:

- A Nobody – Smallest/Youngest of 8 sons of Jesse
- Nobody Noticed – Dad forgot to bring him to the anointing
- Spirit Filled – Rushed with the Holy Spirit, “From that day forward”
- Diligent to the Task – 1 Samuel 16:18-19; 1 Samuel 17:14-15

What would you say, or would others say about you, that your credentials are?

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As you finish your Bible Study time with prayer and reflection, read Psalm 147 and consider the qualities that God is looking for in his followers. What in this Psalm can you reflect and claim that you have as credentials?