

# Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

## The Anointing of David

- Samuel grieved over the failures of Saul, but God had rejected Saul and had selected a son of Jesse to be king [1 Sam 15:35, 16:1].
- Samuel was afraid for his life [1 Sam 16:2].
  - Samuel knew that if Saul found out he would try to prevent him from anointing another as king.
  - The Lord provided a way to make the anointing a private affair [1 Sam 16:2-3].
- Samuel's arrival in Bethlehem was met with considerable fear [1 Sam 16:4].
  - Samuel was renowned as a prophetic judge who was given authority to wield the hand of God's discipline [1 Sam 15:32-33; Hos 6:5].
  - The Lord Jesus Christ, a Jewish prophet Himself, was met with similar responses [Luke 5:8; 8:37].
- Samuel announced that he has come to offer a sacrifice to the Lord and told the people to consecrate themselves [1 Sam 16:5].
  - Samuel personally consecrated Jesse and his sons.
  - This very well could have been S.O.P. if Jesse was, in fact, a leader in the community (he is called "Jesse the Bethlehemite" in 1 Sam 16:1).
- Samuel observed each of Jesse's sons as they arrived [1 Sam 16:6-10].
  - Samuel was impressed with Eliab's appearance, but the Lord admonished him not to judge according to superficial standards [1 Sam 16:6-7].
  - Six more of Jesse's sons passed before Samuel, but Samuel realized that none of them was the Lord's chosen one [1 Sam 16:8-10].
- Samuel recognized that there must be another son and asked for that son to be brought to him [1 Sam 16:11].
- As soon as David arrived, the Lord made it clear that he was the one [1 Sam 16:12].
  - Not that David was impressive in appearance.
  - However, his heart, not his appearance, was the reason he was chosen.
- Samuel wasted no time in taking the horn of oil and anointing David [1 Sam 16:13].
  - The Holy Spirit immediately came upon David and remained with him.
  - This was highly unusual as the indwelling of the Holy Spirit was not universal prior to the Church.
  - Once the anointing was complete, Samuel departed and left David with his family.