

# Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

## David's Ministry to Saul

- We have seen that Saul was replaced as king of Israel because of his disobedience, but the Spirit also departed from him [1 Sam 16:14].
  - Prior to the Church believers could have the Spirit come upon them [Judges 14:6, 19; 15:14; 1 Sam 10:10], but this was not necessarily permanent.
  - All believers today have the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit [Rom 8:9, 11; 1 Cor 3:16].
- Instead of having the Holy Spirit, an evil spirit is sent to terrorize Saul [1 Sam 16:14-15].
  - There are many evil spirits (demons, fallen angels) ready to operate within God's permissive will and afflict believers [1 Kings 22:19-23].
  - Satan was eager to afflict Job [Job 1:9-12; 2:4-7].
  - Paul's thorn in the flesh was called a messenger of Satan [2 Cor 12:7].
- Saul's servants suggest that music will help Saul deal with the evil spirit [1 Sam 16:16-17].
  - Note that they do not suggest that Saul repent or that he seek the counsel of Samuel.
  - Interestingly, music was a sign for Saul when the Holy Spirit came upon him [1 Sam 10:5-6].
  - The effect of music upon the state of the mind has been understood since the earliest times.
- A servant recommends David [1 Sam 16:18].
  - David is described as...
    - ✦ A son of Jesse the Bethlehemite
    - ✦ A skillful musician (plays a stringed instrument)
    - ✦ A mighty man of valor (used of Gideon [Jdg 6:12], Jephthah [Jdg 11:1], Boaz [Ruth 2:1], Saul [1 Sam 9:1], David [1 Sam 16:18], Jeroboam [1 Kgs 11:28] and Naaman the Syrian [2 Kgs 5:1])
    - ✦ A warrior
    - ✦ One prudent in speech
    - ✦ A handsome man
    - ✦ The Lord is with him
  - Saul enjoyed having mighty/valiant men surrounding him [1 Sam 14:52].
- Saul commanded Jesse to send David to him [1 Sam 16:19 cp. 1 Sam 8:11, 16].
- Jesse responded by immediately sending David with some gifts for Saul [1 Sam 16:20].

- David attended Saul well and was rewarded for his service [1 Sam 16:21].
  - Saul loved him greatly.
  - David was appointed to be Saul's armor bearer.
- David had gained favor in Saul's sight which prompted Saul to ask for his service to be permanent [1 Sam 16:22].
- For the time being Saul was pleased with David's music ministry because it had a refreshing effect on Saul whenever he was afflicted by the evil spirit [1 Sam 16:23].