

I SAMUEL 16; March 31; David Secretly Anointed King By Samuel

ANALYSIS:

1. How did the elders of Bethlehem react when Samuel came to their city to anoint David? _____
2. What is the difference between how the LORD and men see a man?

3. How is David described the day Samuel anointed him?

4. How did David help Saul when an evil spirit troubled him?

5. What position did Saul give David which gave him experience in seeing how a king ruled? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Saul began his reign as a humble servant, “thou wast little in thine own sight” (15:17). However, his disobedience to God soon became obvious (acting as priest, 1 Sam 13:9-13; sparing Agag, 1 Sam 15:9--11, 22-23). Saul appears to be a casualty of failing to rule over his own spirit (Pro 15:29). The Spirit of God departed from him, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him. Our brother Paul warned that departing from the faith would be accompanied by evil spirits in these latter times, “some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils” (1 Tim 4:1; see also 1 John 4:1-4).

Consider that Saul's servants had spiritual discernment to identify Saul's problem. They said, “Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee” (v 15). They also knew that certain music on an harp could make him well (v 16).

Do you employ Spiritual Christ-exalting music to quiet, comfort, uplift, inspire, refresh, deliver, protect your soul as you journey through this world filled with the devil's wiles?

Do you enjoy, as I do, the LORD'S conversation and dealings with Samuel in verses 1-12. Our glorious GOD talks personally with Samuel (v 1), protects him (v 2), corrects him (vs 6-7), guides him (vs 8-12).

HELP:

1. They trembled and asked, “Comest thou peaceably?” (v 4).
2. Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart (v 7).
3. Ruddy, beautiful countenance, goodly to look to (v 12).
4. David played on a harp to make him well (v 16).
5. Armourbearer (v 21).