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The Future King

## Introduction

- David's name is recorded 1,127 times in Scripture – 58 in the New Testament.
- 61 chapters of the Bible are devoted to him (1 Samuel 16 – 1 Kings 2; 1 Chronicles 11 – 29)
- 73 of the 150 Psalms are attributed to David, and it is possible that he wrote some of those which name no author.

More has been written about David than any other biblical character.

Why does David get such a significant portion of Scripture?

**2 Samuel 7:16:** Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.

Remember what the angel said to Mary:

**Luke 1:32-33:** "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

### 1 Samuel 16:1 – 13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate." Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.” So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.” So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Why is Samuel mourning for Saul?

**1 Samuel 8:4-5:** So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. They said to him, “You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have.”

**1 Samuel 8:19 - 20:** But the people refused to listen to Samuel. “No!” they said. “We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.”

- What are the three reasons they wanted a king?
- What do you do when you’ve gotten your own way and it’s all wrong?
- Do you think Samuel is thrilled with this command to go anoint another king?

**1 Corinthians 1:26 – 29**

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him.

Samuel of all people should know by now that outward appearances can be deceiving.

Like Samuel, we have the tendency to “flirt with Eliab” even though we have been burned by Saul!

Finally, he asks Jesse if this is all, and only when asked does Jesse tell him about David, the shepherd boy, the youngest. Why hadn’t Jesse called David in already?

What do we know or think that David probably did while tending sheep?

He did his job to do to the very best of his ability. What his hand found to do, he did it with all his heart. That would pay off in big dividends in days to come.

What does David do after this?



### 1 Samuel 16:14 – 23:

Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him. Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the lyre. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes on you, and you will feel better." So Saul said to his attendants, "Find someone who plays well and bring him to me." One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the LORD is with him." Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." So Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them with his son David to Saul. David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers. Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, "Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him." Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

David has to believe by faith that he is the anointed king. He has to wait for God's timing, and there are many years yet before he takes the throne. Nonetheless, he is the king because God said it is so.

### Ephesians 2:4 – 7:

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

We are seated in heavenly places with Christ, even though our feet are here on earth, because God has said it is so. We are clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ and are pure before God because God has said it is so, even though we still struggle with the weakness of our flesh.

God placed David in the shadow of the throne so he could learn some valuable lessons.

