



David's Family: The Lord finds a Man after His Own Heart (1 Sam 16)

Questions: Week Eight

Samuel Anoints David - [1 Samuel 16:1-13](#)¹

Topics: [Appearance](#), [Assumptions](#), [Beauty](#), [Children](#), [Comparisons](#), [Discernment](#), [Family](#), [God's Will](#), [Heart](#), [Invitation](#), [Obedience](#), [Prejudice](#), [Rejection](#), [Sacrifice](#), [Surprises](#), [Youth](#)

Open It

1. *What physical characteristics tend to attract public attention and inspire respect among the people you know?
2. Why do children tend to be left out of the most solemn religious observances?
3. In what way might being singled out for an honor make your life more complicated?

Explore It

4. What was Samuel doing when the Lord called him to anoint the next king? ([16:1](#))
5. Why was Samuel afraid to carry out the Lord's instructions? ([16:2](#))
6. What provision did God make to give the appearance of normality to Samuel's journey? ([16:2-3](#))
7. *What did God promise to do when Samuel arrived at Jesse's house? ([16:3](#))
8. How did the elders of Bethlehem feel about Samuel's arrival in their town? ([16:4](#))
9. What did Samuel command the people of Bethlehem to do? ([16:5](#))
10. *Why did Samuel think that Eliab might be the son God had chosen? ([16:6](#))
11. *What mattered to God in choosing the next king for Israel? ([16:7](#))
12. What answer did Samuel give as each son in turn came before him? ([16:8-10](#))
13. Why did Samuel ask Jesse if he had any other sons? ([16:11](#))
14. When he learned of the existence of another son, what did Samuel command? ([16:11](#))
15. How is David described in his meeting with Samuel? ([16:12](#))

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16. What did God say to Samuel regarding David? ([16:12](#))

17. What was the result of the anointing of David by Samuel? ([16:13](#))

Get It

18. *Why was Samuel reviewing the sons of Jesse one by one?

19. *What qualities should we look for in our leaders, particularly in the church?

20. Why was it important for Samuel to anoint David, although he was too young to assume the kingship at that time?

21. Why might the people of Bethlehem have been afraid to have Samuel there?

22. What commands of God should we be prepared to obey even if they arouse the authorities against us?

Apply It

23. *Toward what individual in your life could you resolve to look at the heart rather than outward appearances?

24. In what concrete way could you include children in your worship at home or at church this week?

David in Saul's Service - [1 Samuel 16:14-23](#)²

Topics: [Accomplishments](#), [Advice](#), [Appearance](#), [Consequences](#), [Depression](#), [Emotions](#), [Evil](#), [Gifts](#), [Ministry](#), [Serving](#), [Suffering](#), [War](#), [Youth](#)

Open It

1. *What work of art (song, picture, book, movie, etc.) is sure to put you in a better mood when you're feeling low?
2. What associations do you have with the harp as an instrument?

Explore It

3. *What were two unfortunate characteristics of Saul's spiritual life after his disobedience? ([16:14](#))
4. How did Saul's attendants explain his moods to him? ([16:15](#))
5. *What solution did Saul's servants propose for his periods of suffering? ([16:16](#))
6. How did Saul locate a musician to play for him? ([16:18](#))
7. How did Saul's servant describe David? ([16:18](#))
8. What message did Saul send to Jesse? ([16:19](#))
9. How did Jesse respond to the king's request to send his youngest son? ([16:20](#))
10. How did Saul respond to David when David joined Saul's court? ([16:21](#))
11. What further message did Saul send to Jesse after David's arrival? ([16:22](#))
12. *What relationship developed between Saul and David? ([16:23](#))

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13. How do you imagine you would feel if, like Saul, you were first chosen by God and then rejected by God?
14. Why did Saul have trouble with depression?
15. Why were Saul's attendants eager to find a solution to his moodiness?
16. *What was good or bad about the way Saul relied on David's music to help him get out of his sour moods?
17. What else do you think Saul could have done about his moodiness?
18. Which of David's characteristics discussed in this passage reflect well on his upbringing and his own discipline and accomplishment?
19. *What was the highest praise of David given by the servant of Saul?

Apply It

20. *What step could you take this week to help assure that you do not become like Saul, from whom the Spirit of the Lord departed?
21. Using the example of the young David, how could you encourage a young person to develop into the person God wants him or her to be?