

“David: Picking And Strumming”
1 Samuel 16

God picks David--to serve as king (1-13) . . . to replace Saul

- *Samuel’s fear to anoint David is legitimate (seen in ch. 22). An ethical oddity--1/2 truth told to protect (Ex. 1:17-20, Josh. 2:1-6).
- *Surprise selection as big Eliab and brothers are passed over for the most unlikely 8th son to be the king-elect.
- Again a reversal of fortune: the proud will fall (Saul)
 the humble will rise (David)

*David and Saul share many characteristic right off the bat.

Saul picks David--to strum for the king (14-23) . . . to refresh Saul

- *The Spirit **came upon** David mightily (as with Saul yrs. before, 11:6). The Spirit **left** Saul = vacuum effect--void filled by “a spirit doing evil”
- *What is this spirit and how can / why does God send it? For sending evil spirits see 1 Kgs. 22:20-23, Jdgs. 9:23, Job 1:12 (NT use of evil: 1 Tim. 1:20, 1 Cor. 5:5). David is the warrior-musician whom God allows to sooth Saul from his “fears.” Why send this spirit though?
1) Judgment, 2) David’s ticket to court, 3) Induce repentance.
- *See the great irony here! The only one who can give relief to Saul is the very one that is to replace him! Saul needs David, but to keep his services Saul must truly repent and accept David’s right to rule!
- *Being chosen of God is wonderful but also challenging as David’s life becomes complex after the Spirit empowers him. Same for us?
- *David’s life: Born around 1040 BC (anointed 3x--2 Sam. 2:4, 5:3)

<i>The Shepherd</i> 1040-1025 BC Age: 0-15	<i>The Fugitive</i> 1024-1011 16-29	<i>The King in Triumph</i> 1010-990 30-50	<i>The King in Crisis</i> 989-971 51-death
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