

STORY

David Anointed King - I Samuel 16

TEACHER PRAYER

Lord God, heavenly Father, Your holy word is forever settled in the heavens. Bless my study of Your saving Word and help me share it with my class. Send me Your Holy Spirit and “lead us into all Truth.” No matter where we turn, in Your precious Word, enable us to see Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen

VOCABULARY

sanctify, consecrate - set apart as holy, make sacred for religious use, purify

ruddy - red, healthy looking, reddish

prudent - sensible, wise, discreet valor - bravery, courage

OUTER AIM

God chose a new king for His people

INNER AIM

God knows all things, even the thoughts and intents of the heart

BACKGROUND

(Rupprecht Bible History References, Vol. 1, pp. 286-289)

King Saul had disobeyed an explicit command from the Lord. As a result, the Lord rejected him as king. The Lord now chose a young man named David to become his successor. The Lord sent the prophet Samuel to anoint David as king.

v. 1 Jesse was grandson of Boaz and Ruth. He lived in or near Bethlehem. He was a man of some means and had eight sons. The Lord would choose one of his sons to become the next king of Israel.

vs. 2-3 Samuel was afraid Saul would come and kill him if he found out that he anointed a new king in Israel. The Lord, therefore, told Samuel what to do. He was to go to Bethlehem to sacrifice and to invite Jesse to come.

vs. 6-10 Samuel was sure Jesse’s firstborn son, Eliab, was God’s choice to become the next king. The Lord said no and then went on to explain. Seven of Jesse’s sons passed before Samuel. None of them was to become king.

vs. 11-13 David, the youngest, was chosen by the Lord. He wasn’t even present at the sacrifice. He was a shepherd and was tending the sheep. The Lord revealed to Samuel that David was the one chosen to become king. David was then anointed, and God the Holy Spirit was poured out upon him.

v. 14 An evil spirit replaced the Holy Spirit in Saul’s heart and life. He had disobeyed and forsaken the Lord and did not sincerely repent. He had fallen from grace and had become an unbeliever.



vs. 15-16 Saul's servants tried to help their king. Certain music gave Saul some relief. A skillful musician was sought.

vs. 17-18 David was chosen. He not only played the harp very well, but he was honorable, strong, wise, and good-looking as well. Most important of all, they knew that "the Lord was with him." They did not, however, know that David had been anointed by Samuel the prophet to be the next king.

vs. 21 David became Saul's personal attendant, eventually his armorbearer. He was in a position of high honor. The Lord was training and preparing David to become the next king of Israel.

vs. 23 Saul was granted some relief, but he did not turn again to the Lord. He remained an unbeliever the rest of his life.

STUDENT PRAYER

Lord God, heavenly Father, to You belongs "the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory." You govern the affairs of men and nations. You govern our individual lives. You know all things; You know what is best. Your will be done. You know even the thoughts and intents of our hearts. O Lord, forgive our many sins and help us live a God-pleasing life, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

PRESENTATION

At first the Children of Israel lived under a theocracy in Canaan, the land of promise. God raised up prophets and judges. He spoke and ruled through them. After a time the people asked for a king like their heathen neighbors had. God gave them a king. The prophet Samuel was sent by God to anoint Saul as Israel's first king. When Saul later turned away from the Lord, the Lord rejected him as king and chose another-David.

APPLICATIONS

When the Lord chose Saul to become king, Saul was a believer. As the years went by, Saul fell from faith. He trusted in himself and not the Lord. He rejected the Lord in his unbelief, and the Lord rejected him as king.

The Lord knows all things. He knows the thoughts and intents of our hearts. We may be able to fool others, but we can't fool the Lord.

PASSAGES

These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.
Lower

I Samuel 16:7 - Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

John 2:24-25 - Jesus knew all men, and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

Middle any of the above and...

I Corinthians 10:12 - Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

Upper any of the above and...

Psalms 147:11 - The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy.

HYMN CHOICES

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee” (TLH #394)

“Oh, For A Faith That Will Not Shrink” (TLH #396)

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light” (TLH #398)

“Praise To Thee And Adoration” (TLH #401)

“Oh, That The Lord Would Guide My Ways” (TLH #416)