

### *Samuel Goes to Bethlehem*

16:1 NOW the LORD said to Samuel, “<sup>a</sup>How long will you grieve over Saul, since <sup>b</sup>I have rejected him from being king over Israel? <sup>c</sup>Fill your horn with oil, and go; I will send you to <sup>d</sup>Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have <sup>e</sup>selected a king for Myself among his sons.” 2 But Samuel said, “How can I go? When Saul hears *of it*, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “<sup>a</sup>Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” 3 “And you shall invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and <sup>a</sup>I will show you what you shall do; and <sup>b</sup>you shall anoint for Me the one whom I <sup>1</sup>designate to you.” 4 So Samuel did what the LORD said, and came to <sup>a</sup>Bethlehem. And the elders of the city came trembling to meet him and said, “<sup>b</sup>Do you come in peace?” 5 And he said, “In peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. <sup>a</sup>Consecrate yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” He also consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 Then it came about when they entered, that he looked at <sup>a</sup>Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’S anointed is before Him.” 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for <sup>1</sup>God *sees* not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, <sup>a</sup>but the LORD looks at the heart.” 8 Then Jesse called <sup>a</sup>Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” 9 Next Jesse made <sup>1</sup><sup>a</sup>Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” 10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.” 11 And Samuel said to Jesse, “Are these all the children?” And he said, “<sup>a</sup>There remains yet the youngest, and behold, he is tending the sheep.” Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and <sup>1</sup>bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.”

### *David Anointed*

12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with <sup>a</sup>beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. And the LORD said, “<sup>b</sup>Arise, anoint him; for this is he.” 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and <sup>a</sup>anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and <sup>b</sup>the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

14 <sup>a</sup>Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and <sup>b</sup>an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him. 15 Saul’s servants then said to him, “Behold now, an evil spirit from God is terrorizing you. 16 “Let our lord now command your servants who are before you. Let them seek a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall come about when the evil spirit from God is on you, that <sup>a</sup>he shall play *the harp* with his hand, and you will be well.” 17 So Saul said to his servants, “Provide for me now a man who can play well, and bring *him* to me.” 18 Then one of the young men answered and said, “Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is a skillful musician, <sup>a</sup>a mighty man of valor, a warrior, one prudent in speech, and a handsome man; and <sup>b</sup>the LORD is with him.” 19 So Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, “Send me your son David who is with the flock.” 20 And Jesse <sup>a</sup>took a donkey *loaded with* bread and a jug of wine and a young goat, and sent *them* to Saul by David his son. 21 Then David came to Saul and <sup>1</sup><sup>a</sup>attended him, and <sup>2</sup>Saul loved him greatly; and he became his armor bearer. 22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, “Let David now stand before me; for he has found favor in my sight.” 23 So it came about whenever <sup>a</sup>the *evil* spirit from God came to Saul, David would take the harp

and play *it* with his hand; and Saul would be refreshed and be well, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

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<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 15:35

<sup>b</sup> 1 Sam. 13:13, 14; 15:23

<sup>c</sup> 1 Sam. 9:16; 10:1; 2 Kin. 9:1

<sup>d</sup> Ruth 4:17-22

<sup>e</sup> Ps. 78:70, 71; Acts 13:22

<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 20:29

<sup>a</sup> Ex. 4:15; Acts 9:6

<sup>b</sup> Deut. 17:14,15; 1 Sam. 9:16

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *say to you*

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 48:7; Luke 2:4

<sup>b</sup> 1 Kin. 2:13; 2 Kin. 9:22; 1 Chr. 12:17, 18

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 35:2; Ex. 19:10

<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 17:13

<sup>1</sup> So with Gr.; Heb., He does *not* see *what man sees*

<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 2:3; 1 Kin. 8:39; 1 Chr. 28:9; Luke 16:15

<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 17:13

<sup>1</sup> In 2 Sam. 13:3, *Shimeah*; in 1 Chr. 2:13, *Shimea*>*RM*

<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 17:13

<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 17:12; 2 Sam. 13:3

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *take*

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 39:6; Ex. 2:2; Acts 7:20

<sup>b</sup> 1 Sam. 9:17

<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 10:1

<sup>b</sup> Num. 27:18; 1 Sam. 10:6, 9, 10

<sup>a</sup> Judg. 16:20; 1 Sam. 11:6; 18:12; 28:15

<sup>b</sup> Judg. 9:23; 1 Sam. 16:15, 16; 18:10; 19:9; 1 Kin. 22:19-22

<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 18:10; 19:9; 2 Kin. 3:15

<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 17:32-36

<sup>b</sup> 1 Sam. 3:19

<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 10:4, 27; Prov. 18:16

<sup>1</sup> Lit., *stood before him*

<sup>a</sup> Gen. 41:46; Prov. 22:29

<sup>2</sup> Lit., *he*

<sup>a</sup> 1 Sam. 16:14-16

<sup>i</sup> *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.