

DAVID

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LESSON 6

"FINDING A NEW KING"

LAST WEEK WE STUDIED ABOUT SAUL, THE FIRST KING OF ISRAEL. THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL HAD WANTED TO BE LIKE OTHER NATIONS — THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WANTED TO HAVE A KING SO THEY COULD BE JUST LIKE OTHER NATIONS. GOD WAS NOT HAPPY ABOUT THIS BECAUSE HE WANTED THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL TO BE HIS SPECIAL PEOPLE, BUT HE LET THEM HAVE SAUL AS THEIR FIRST KING.

SAUL WAS A VERY HANDSOME MAN AND A VERY BRAVE SOLDIER. SAUL LED THE ARMY OF ISRAEL AND HELPED THEM WIN SOME VERY IMPORTANT BATTLES. BUT SAUL DID NOT ALWAYS DO WHAT WAS RIGHT. SOMETIMES SAUL DID WHAT HE WANTED TO DO INSTEAD OF WHAT GOD WANTED HIM TO DO. BECAUSE SAUL DID NOT OBEY GOD, GOD DID NOT BLESS HIM ANYMORE.

SAMUEL^{WAS} THE PROPHET THAT GOD SENT TO SAUL TO TELL SAUL GOD'S MESSAGES. WHEN SAUL DISOBEYED GOD AND GOD DID NOT BLESS SAUL ANYMORE, SAMUEL WAS VERY, VERY SAD ABOUT SAUL FOR A LONG TIME.

FINALLY GOD SAID TO SAMUEL, "WHY ARE YOU STILL SO SAD AND WORRIED ABOUT SAUL? I HAVE ALREADY^{SAID} HE IS NOT A GOOD KING ANYMORE. I WILL NOT BLESS HIM AS KING EVER AGAIN."

THEN GOD TOLD SAMUEL, "FILL YOUR HORN WITH OIL AND GO TO SEE A MAN NAMED JESSE IN BETHLEHEM. I HAVE CHOSEN ONE OF HIS SONS TO BE THE NEXT KING."

SAMUEL WAS WORRIED WHEN GOD TOLD HIM TO DO THIS. SAMUEL ASKED GOD, "HOW CAN I GO DO THIS? IF SAUL FINDS OUT I AM GOING TO FIND ANOTHER KING, HE WILL KILL ME."

GOD TOLD SAMUEL, "TAKE AN ANIMAL WITH YOU, IF ^{ANYONE} ASKS WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO ON YOUR TRIP TO BETHLEHEM, TELL HIM THIS - I AM MAKING A SACRIFICE TO GOD."

GOD ALSO TOLD SAMUEL TO ASK JESSE TO COME TO THE SACRIFICE FOR A MEETING. GOD SAID HE WOULD SHOW SAMUEL WHAT TO DO AND WHO WOULD BE THE NEXT KING.

SAMUEL OBEYED EVERYTHING THAT GOD TOLD HIM TO DO. SAMUEL WENT TO BETHLEHEM AND GOT READY FOR THE SACRIFICE. SAMUEL INVITED JESSE AND HIS SONS TO THE SACRIFICE AND HELPED THEM GET READY FOR THE SACRIFICE.

SAMUEL WAS LOOKING AT EACH ONE OF JESSE'S SONS. SAMUEL SAW THE SON NAMED "ELIAB" AND THOUGHT, "SURELY THIS IS THE ONE GOD HAS CHOSEN TO BE THE NEXT KING."

BUT GOD TOLD SAMUEL, "JUST BECAUSE THIS SON IS TALL AND GOOD-LOOKING DOES NOT MEAN HE WILL BE THE NEXT KING. HE IS NOT THE ONE I HAVE CHOSEN TO BE THE

NEXT KING. IT IS NOT IMPORTANT TO ME WHETHER A ^{PERSON} IS TALL AND GOOD-LOOKING, I CARE ABOUT WHAT A PERSON'S HEART IS LIKE. I LOOK AT A PERSON'S HEART. THAT IS WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO ME."

EVERY ONE OF JESSE'S SONS WALKED SLOWLY PAST SAMUEL. AS EACH SON PASSED BY, SAMUEL SAID, "THIS SON IS NOT THE ONE GOD HAS CHOSEN EITHER." WHEN THE LAST ONE HAD WALKED PAST SAMUEL, SAMUEL ASKED JESSE, "ARE THESE ALL THE SONS YOU HAVE?" JESSE SAID, "I HAVE ONE MORE SON — HE IS THE YOUNGEST OF ALL MY SONS. HE TAKES CARE OF MY SHEEP."

THEN SAMUEL TOLD JESSE — "SEND AND GET HIM TO COME HERE."

DAVID WAS A VERY NICE-LOOKING YOUNG BOY. WHEN HE CAME BEFORE SAMUEL, GOD TOLD SAMUEL, "ARISE, ANOINT HIM; THIS IS THE ONE I HAVE CHOSEN."

THEN SAMUEL ANOINTED HIM WITH THE HORN OF OIL. GOD WAS WITH DAVID AND BLESSED HIM ^{ON} THAT DAY AND EVERY DAY AFTER THAT, HELPING GET DAVID READY TO BE THE NEW KING.

AT THE TIME WHEN DAVID WAS ANOINTED, SAUL WAS STILL KING, BUT GOD WAS NOT BLESSING SAUL OR HELPING SAUL AT ALL.

SAUL WAS HAVING TROUBLES IN HIS LIFE. HE WAS HAVING SO MANY PROBLEMS WITH HIS MIND THAT MOST OF THE TIME

HE DID NOT EVEN THINK RIGHT OR ACT NORMAL. WHEN SAUL STARTED HAVING ALL THESE TERRIBLE PROBLEMS WITH HIS MIND HIS SERVANTS SAID, "WHY DON'T WE FIND SOMEONE WHO IS VERY TALENTED IN PLAYING THE HARP, THEN WHEN YOU ARE FEELING SO BAD WITH YOUR TERRIBLE PROBLEMS, HE CAN PLAY THE HARP FOR YOU, AND THE MUSIC WILL HELP YOU FEEL BETTER."

SAUL THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA; AND ONE OF THE SERVANTS REMEMBERED THAT DAVID WAS VERY TALENTED IN PLAYING THE HARP. SO THEY SENT MESSENGERS TO JESSE AND TOLD JESSE, "SEND YOUR SON DAVID WITH US, THE KING WANTS HIM TO COME."

JESSE SENT DAVID TO SAUL. SAUL LOVED (FOR DAVID TO BE THERE. WHENEVER SAUL WAS HAVING THE TERRIBLE PROBLEMS WITH HIS MIND, THEN DAVID WOULD PLAY BEAUTIFUL MUSIC ON HIS HARP, AND THE MUSIC WOULD HELP SAUL FEEL BETTER.

COMMENTS

DAVID - ONE OF GREATEST BIBLE HEROES BECAUSE HE CARED ABOUT FOLLOWING GOD AND DOING GOD'S WILL.

GOD PREPARED DAVID'S HEART & LIFE