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God's sorrow is both for David and for Saul

1 Samuel 16

16:21 When the captain came to Saul, he stood before Saul. Saul loved him so much that he became Saul's man with weapons.

16:22 Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let the great guard stand before me, for he has found favor in my eyes.

16:23 When the demons from God came to Saul on his body, David took the harp and played it with his hands, and Saul was refreshed and refreshed, and the demons left him.

In 1 Samuel 16, God instructed Samuel to visit Jesse and choose a new king of Israel from among his sons, as God had abolished Saul's position as king.

Samuel went to visit Jesse and met his seven sons in turn. However, instead of choosing any of them, God instructed Samuel to wait for his youngest son, David. When David came, God told Samuel that he was the new king of Israel.

Samuel anointed David's head with oil and proclaimed him the new king of Israel. Then the Spirit of God descended on David, which signified that God had blessed His election.

This chapter shows that God's choices often exceed human expectations because he values the heart rather than the outward appearance. It also shows how God led and guided the Israelites, especially in the process of choosing a new king. David became the new king of Israel, establishing his place of importance throughout the Bible and foreshadowing the coming of Jesus Christ as Savior

King Saul was devastated and mentally troubled, and became depressed, afraid, fearful, restless, and mood-fluctuating, so that he could not eat and sleep. Although he is the king of a country and above 10,000 people, in terms of emotions, he is involuntary and unable to control himself.

When King Saul's servants saw his master's condition, they came up with a great idea, which was to offer to use the miraculous power of music to heal him. Not only did they courageously recommend music therapy to the king, but they also strongly recommended a highly qualified young therapist, David, to help King Saul.

Whenever a depressed mood (demon) came upon King Saul, David would pick up the harp and play it, and the soft melody of the harp would soothe the restless and chaotic heart. When David played the harp, Saul felt calmed and refreshed, and the restless demon departed

We pray together

Dear Heavenly Father, we gather before you at this time to thank you for your life, love, and guidance. We come to you especially and humbly ask for your grace and strength so that we can stand firm on your word.

Heavenly Father, Your Word is the light of our lives and the direction in which we are going. Give us a bright eye to understand and keep your commandments. May your Holy Spirit work among us and guide us on the path of truth.

Strengthen our faith so that we can hold fast to your word in the midst of hardships and trials. May your love fill our hearts and let us show your glory by treating others with love, patience, and kindness.

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that we may be weak at times, but ask your power to come upon us in our weakness. Let your words be ingrained in our hearts and become the norms of our lives, so that we can walk before you and walk with you.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we ask, amen.

CHAPTER 17
1Sa. 16:1 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

1Sa. 16:2 But Samuel said, "How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'

1Sa. 16:3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

1Sa. 16:4 Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

1Sa. 16:5 Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

1Sa. 16:6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely

the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD.”

1Sa. 16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

1Sa. 16:8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.”

1Sa. 16:9 Jesse then made Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.”

1Sa. 16:10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.”

1Sa. 16:11 So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered, “but he is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down [Some Septuagint manuscripts; Hebrew not gather round] until he arrives.”

1Sa. 16:12 So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; he is the one.”

1Sa. 16:13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.

1Sa. 16:14 Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil [Or injurious; also in verses 15, 16 and 23] spirit from the LORD tormented him.

1Sa. 16:15 Saul's attendants said to him, “See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you.

1Sa. 16:16 Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the harp. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes upon you, and you will feel better.”

1Sa. 16:17 So Saul said to his attendants, “Find someone who plays well and bring him to me.”

1Sa. 16:18 One of the servants answered, “I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the harp. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the LORD is with him.”

1Sa. 16:19 Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, “Send me your son David, who is with the sheep.”

1Sa. 16:20 So Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them with his son David to Saul.

1Sa. 16:21 David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him

very much, and David became one of his armour-bearers.

1Sa. 16:22 Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, "Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him."

1Sa. 16:23 Whenever the spirit from God came upon Saul, David would take his harp and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

Chapter 16 of the Book of 1 Samuel begins with God sending Samuel to anoint a new king to replace Saul, whom God had rejected as king. Samuel is hesitant to go, fearing that Saul will kill him if he finds out. However, God instructs him to go to Bethlehem and anoint one of Jesse's sons as the new king.

Samuel arrives in Bethlehem and asks Jesse to bring his sons before him. Jesse presents his seven oldest sons to Samuel, but none of them are chosen by God to be the new king. Samuel asks Jesse if he has any other sons, and Jesse reveals that he has one more son, David, who is out tending the sheep.

David is brought before Samuel, and God tells Samuel that David is the one he has chosen to be the new king. Samuel anoints David with oil, and the Spirit of the Lord comes upon him from that day forward.

After David's anointing, the Spirit of the Lord departs from Saul, and he is tormented by an evil spirit. Saul's attendants recommend that he find someone who can play the lyre to soothe his spirit, and one of them suggests David, whom he had seen playing the instrument while tending his father's sheep.

Saul sends for David, who comes and plays the lyre for him. Saul is comforted by David's music and asks Jesse to allow David to stay with him as his attendant. From that day forward, David becomes a trusted member of Saul's court.

Here are some important verses from chapter 16 of 1 Samuel in the Christian Bible:

1 Samuel 16:1 - "The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.'"

1 Samuel 16:7 - "But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'"

1 Samuel 16:13 - "So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah."

These verses showcase God's selection of David as the future king of Israel. Samuel is instructed by God to anoint one of Jesse's sons, and even though he initially believes that Eliab, Jesse's eldest son, would be chosen, God reminds Samuel that He looks at the heart, not outward appearances. David, who is described as "ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features," is ultimately chosen and anointed by Samuel. This event marks the beginning of David's rise to power and highlights the importance of having a heart that is devoted to God.

1 Samuel chapter 16 introduces us to the anointing of David as the future king of Israel. This chapter explores themes of God's sovereignty, the importance of inner character, and the value of obedience to His calling.

One of the key themes that emerges from this chapter is the theme of God's sovereignty in choosing His leaders. Samuel is sent by God to Bethlehem to anoint one of Jesse's sons as the next king. As Samuel assesses each of Jesse's older sons, he learns that God's criteria for choosing a king are different from human standards. God looks at the heart, not outward appearances.

This chapter reminds us that God's ways are higher than our ways and that He sees beyond the external qualities we often value. It teaches us to trust in God's wisdom and discernment when it comes to choosing leaders. It challenges us to look beyond superficial attributes and to value inner character and devotion to God in ourselves and others.

Furthermore, 1 Samuel chapter 16 highlights the importance of inner character and the condition of the heart. When none of Jesse's older sons are chosen, Samuel asks if there are any other sons, and David, the youngest and least expected, is brought before Samuel. God confirms that David is the chosen one, emphasizing that David has a heart after God's own heart.

This chapter emphasizes that God values integrity, humility, and a heart that seeks after Him. It reminds us that true leadership is grounded in a deep relationship with God and a heart that desires to honor and follow Him. It challenges us to examine our own hearts and seek to cultivate qualities that align with God's heart.

Additionally, 1 Samuel chapter 16 emphasizes the importance of obedience to God's calling. David is anointed as the future king, but his full ascent to the throne does not happen immediately. He returns to his shepherding duties, waiting for God's timing and remaining faithful in the tasks at hand.

This chapter teaches us the value of patience and obedience while waiting for God's plans to unfold. It reminds us that God's timing is perfect and that our faithfulness in small tasks prepares us for greater responsibilities in the future. It encourages us to trust in God's guidance and to faithfully serve Him wherever we are, knowing that He is working out His purposes in His perfect timing.

In conclusion, 1 Samuel chapter 16 brings forth reflections on God's sovereignty, inner character, and obedience to His calling. It teaches us to value what God values, to cultivate a heart after God's own heart, and to trust in His timing and guidance. May we seek to align our hearts with God's, to value inner character over external appearances, and to faithfully obey His calling in