



Kids of Destiny
Reaching the Next Generation

4.04 ANOTHER KING IS CHOSEN

1 SAMUEL 15, 16

Samuel had been a judge of the Israelites for many years. Then, the people wanted a king instead of a judge to rule them. God showed Samuel a man named Saul. Saul became the first king of Israel.

Although Saul won lots of battles for the land of Israel, Saul was not a good king. He did not obey God. He would do some of what God told him to do, but would sometimes just do what he, Saul, wanted to do. God told Samuel, "I am sorry that I made Saul king of Israel. He has turned his back from following Me and has not obeyed my commandments."

Samuel gave the message to Saul. "The Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel. God has taken the kingdom of Israel from you and has given it to someone else." Samuel never saw Saul again.

God told Samuel to go to a man, Jesse, who was from Bethlehem. "I have picked one of his sons to be the next king," God said. Samuel was to take an animal to make a sacrifice and God told him to invite Jesse to come along. "I will show you which of his sons I have chosen."

Samuel did as God asked him to. He went to Bethlehem and asked the leaders of the town to come with him as he made a sacrifice. He asked Jesse and his sons to be there also.

Jesse had eight sons. When they all arrived, Samuel looked at the son named Eliab. "Surely, this is the man the Lord has chosen!" Samuel said. The Lord replied, "Don't think just because he is tall and handsome that this is the one. The Lord doesn't see things like you do. People look at outward appearances. God looks at the heart of a man."

Then came Jesse's son, Abinadab. Samuel said, "This is not the one." Then came the son named Shimea. "It's not this one either," said Samuel. Four more sons came to Samuel. But none of them were who God had chosen. "Are these all the sons you have?" asked Samuel. Jesse answered, "There is still my youngest son. But he is out in the fields, watching the animals." "Send for him at once," said Samuel.

Jesse sent for his youngest son, David. David was bright eyed, healthy and good looking. God spoke to Samuel. "This is the one. Bless him and put oil on his head." Samuel obeyed the Lord God. Immediately, the Spirit of the Lord came with power onto David, which meant that God's power was with him.

David had been chosen to be the next king of Israel. But he did not become king right away. God still had work to do in David's life. David would need to learn, wait, serve, and trust God's timing. Saul looked like a king on the outside, but he did not have an obedient heart. David was young and working in the fields, but God saw his heart.

God does not choose the way people choose. People look at the outside, but God looks at the heart. God wants us to have hearts that trust Him, love Him, and obey Him.

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HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1) Saul was chosen as the first king of Israel. He was not an obedient king. God told Samuel that He was sorry for making Saul the king.
- 2) God told Samuel to go to a man named Jesse, who was from Bethlehem. Jesse had eight sons. God would tell Samuel which one to pick to be the next king.
- 3) Samuel took an animal with him for a sacrifice. He invited Jesse and his sons and also leaders of the town to come with him as he made the sacrifice.
- 4) Samuel looked at seven of Jesse's sons. But God told Samuel that none of these sons was the one God had chosen. Jesse said there was one more son in the fields watching the animals. This son's name was David. When David came in from the fields, God told Samuel that this was the man He had chosen to be king.
- 5) Samuel poured oil, a sign of the Holy Spirit of God, over David's head, as the Lord had told him to do. Then, the Holy Spirit came upon David, which meant that God's power was with him. As the Holy Spirit came upon David, the Holy Spirit departed from King Saul.

QUESTIONS:

- 1) Why did God want to choose another king?
- 2) Who did God tell Samuel to look for?
- 3) How many sons did Jesse have?
- 4) Which son was working in the field?
- 5) What did it mean for the Holy Spirit to come upon David?

ANSWERS:

- 1) God wanted another king because Saul had not been obedient.
- 2) God told Samuel to look for a man named Jesse.
- 3) Jesse had eight sons.
- 4) Jesse's son David was working in the fields.
- 5) When the Holy Spirit came upon David, it meant that God's power was with him.

Saul looked like a king that the people wanted, but he did not fully obey God. God sent Samuel to Jesse's family to choose another king who would obey God. Samuel looked at the outside, but God looked at the heart. God chose David, the youngest son, who was caring for sheep. God does not choose the way people choose. People look at the outside, but God looks at the heart. God wants us to have hearts that trust Him, love Him, and obey Him.

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