

COURAGE IN A CAUSE

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Text: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

“And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. 2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. 3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee. 4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably? 5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. 6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD’s anointed is before him. 7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. 9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. 10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these. 11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. 12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.” (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

David
handsom

- Why did God reject Saul?
- And why did God choose Saul?

INTRODUCTION

- 1 Sam 9:22 Isn't my family the least?
- 1 Sam 9:27 I may show you God's word
- 1 Sam 10:8 Gilgal... wait until I come
- 1 Sam 15:1 Listen to the words of Lord
- 1 Sam 15:11 Saul has not performed
- 1 Sam 15:22-23 God rejected Saul as king

Quote: "With God's calling comes God's enabling."

1. DAVID'S Calling (v. 7-13)

A. The Purpose for God's Calling

BECAUSE SAUL WAS THE KING CHOSEN OF THE PEOPLE (1 Sam 8:4, 7, 9, 18-19)

"And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." (1 Samuel 8:5)

"It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king; for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night." (1 Samuel 15:11)

BECAUSE GOD WAS LOOKING FOR A MAN AFTER HIS OWN HEART

"But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee." (1 Samuel 13:14)

DAVID'S HEART IN THE 23RD PSALM 23

1. A Believing Heart
"The Lord is My Shepherd"
2. A Teachable Heart
"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me besides still waters"
3. A Holy Heart
"He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness"

4. A Courageous Heart
"Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will feel no evil."
5. A Humble Heart
"Thou anointest my head with oil"
6. A Confident Heart
"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies."
7. A Thankful Heart
"My cup runneth over"
8. A Fixed Heart
"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life"

Quote: "The first and the great work of a Christian is about his heart. Do not be content with seeming to do good in "outward acts" while your heart is bad, and you are a stranger to the greater internal heart duties."

—Jonathan Edwards

Quote: "David displayed courage on the battlefield, but he developed courage in the pasture..."

B. The Process of God's Choosing

THE SELECTION OF DAVID

God didn't want good looks

"But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart."
(1 Samuel 16:7)

Quote: "In great measure, according to the purity and perfections of the instrument, will be the success. It is not great talents God blesses so much as great likeness to Jesus. A holy minister is an awful weapon in the hand of God."

— Robert Murray McChesney

THE SANCTIFICATION OF DAVID

God's guarantee

"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,"
(Ephesians 1:13)

the Comforter

"And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;" (Ephesians 5:18)

2. DAVID'S Cause (v. 22-33)

A. The cause of the Faith (v. 22-29)

BEGAN WITH OBEDIENCE ^{to God & his father}
GREW INTO A BURDEN ^{1 Sam 17:16-18, 20}
BECAME HIS CAUSE ^{1 Sam 17:28-29}

"And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?"
(1 Samuel 17:29) ^{pagan defying God}

"Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. 12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."
(2 Timothy 1:11-12) ^{Paul}

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."
(Jude 1:3) ^{Jude Lord's brother}

Jeremiah prophet to last king

"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."
(Jeremiah 1:5) ^{God speaking}

B. The criticism of David (v. 28)

- DAVID WAS CRITICIZED BY HIS BROTHER ^{God ~~not~~ rejected his brothers}
 - DAVID WAS QUESTIONED BY SAUL - ^{God rejected Saul}
- "What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)
- Saul questioned David's ability ^(Sam 17:33)

3. DAVID'S Confrontation (v. 33-51)

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (2 Timothy 3:12)

A. David's preparation for Battle (v. 33-40)

BY PREVIOUS BATTLES

- David previously killed a bear, a lion while watching sheep (1 Sam 17:34)

- David's weapon as shepherd
was a sling with stones
* 1 Sam 17:40, 49-51

*"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."
(1 Peter 5:8-10)*

WITH PROVEN METHODS

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15)

B. David's power in Battle

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

*"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."
(Philippians 4:13)*

*"Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts."
(Zechariah 4:6)*

C. David's prevailing in Battle (v. 48-51)

DAVID RAN TO THE BATTLE with Goliath

*"Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake. 2 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is now their God? 3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased."
(Psalm 115:1-3)*

*"But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."
(Matthew 19:26)*

GOD GUIDED THE STONE

*"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."
(1 Corinthians 3:6)*

David
acted
to win

God
guided
the stone

CONCLUSION

*"O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."
(1 Corinthians 15:55-57)*

TAKE AWAYS

1. God Sees your Heart
2. God Has A Cause
3. God Desires to Use You in the Battle- Confront
4. Jesus Brings Victory and Deliverance