

DAVID 2: Foundation of Intimacy



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Israel in Transition

1. Israel in transition from Judges to the Kingdom.
 - *‘Everyone doing did what was right in their eyes’*
2. God’s solution = ‘not method but man (& woman)’
 - *“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose hart is loyal to Him.” (2 Chr 16:9)*
3. But the people looks for a leader. So Israel demands a king after their own image.
 - *“And the Lord said to Samuel, “Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to You; for their have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.” (1 Sam 8:7)*

Q: Are we in the same era of transition? Israel in transition again? Then is God looking for a man/woman?

Saul VS David

1. Saul means (שָׂאֹוּל) 'asked for'.

- a. Saul symbolizes man's choice of a leader: charismatic, capable, fleshly; self-centered.
- b. “[Saul] was talker than any of the people from his shoulders upward.” Samuel said to the people, “Do you see him...? There is no one like him among all the people?” Then the people said, “Long live the king!” (1 Sam 10:23-24)



2. David means 'beloved'.

- a. The Lord has *'sought for Himself'* a man after His own heart (1 Sam 13:14); and the Lord has *'found'* David. (c.f. Acts 13:22)
- b. “I have found My servant David; with My holy oil I have anointed him” (Ps 89:20)



David Anointed King (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

16 Now the Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. **For I have [a]provided Myself a king among his sons.”**

2 And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears *it*, he will kill me.”

But the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ **3** Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you.”

4 So Samuel did what the Lord said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, “Do you come peaceably?”

David Anointed King (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

⁵ And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Sanctify^[b] yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, “Surely the Lord’s anointed *is* before Him!”

⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have ^[c]refused him. For^[d] *the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.*”

⁸ So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.”

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⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.” ¹¹ And Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all the young men here?” Then he said, “**There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep.**”

And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him. For we will not ^[e] sit down till he comes here.” ¹² So he sent and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, with ^[f] bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, “**Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!**” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; **and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.** So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

God's only requirement: 'Heart'

1. David an accidental child? The 8th & the last son of Jessie. 'ruddy' or 'red hair'?
2. David despised by his own family: Samuel comes to Jessie' house and all 7 of David's brothers were presented to Samuel. Only after Samuel asked, "Are all the young men here?" Jessie said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." (1 Sam 16:11). After this anointing the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. (v.13)
3. God's requirement: **"For the LORD does not see as man sees; for a man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart"** – What is this heart? "A man's heart running after God's own heart" (1 Sam 13:14).
4. Ps. 27:4, 8 – One thing I desired of the LORD! (1) To dwell in the house of the LORD (heart address); (2) To behold the beauty of the LORD (on going encounter); (3) And to inquire in His temple (lifestyle of seeking God). v.8 being the antecedent of v.4. c.f. Ps. 63:1-2; Ps. 42:1 – "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God." (language of the heart of lovers!)
5. Ultimate questions to be settled? Rev 12:10-11; Job 1:8-11

Foundation of Intimacy: Bethlehem ~17 years old

1. 1st manifestation of David's anointing: 'Worship' (ability to play harp) (1 Sam 16:14-18).
 - Can you see David playing his harp in worship of God on the hills of Bethlehem for hours, days, months, years on end? No one else interested or watching, but only God & David (& his sheep!) – basis of Ps. 23?! **So also our hidden history of seeking God storing up the anointing of the Spirit – foundation of your calling!**
2. Spiritual intimacy developed between David & God during these years, and result was the release of the Spirit's power to drive out evil spirit from Saul!
 - This foundation of the intimacy with God became the bedrock of David's spiritual power! Ps. 27:1-6 – knowing the secret place of God in worship & prayer became his confidence in life!
3. Foundation of intimacy? **'Delight of (in) God' – 'The delight of God in David, thus David's delight in God.** C.f. Ps. 18:19 - "...He delivered me because He delighted in me." David's view of God's delight in him! Thus, David's delight in God. *Ps. 37:4, "Delight yourself also in the LORD, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."*

How did David measure success?

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