



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF YOUNG (LATER KING) DAVID

THE BOOK OF 1 SAMUEL 16 AND 17 APPLYING THIS TO OUR LIVES TODAY!

Greetings dearly beloved!
**Of course we all know about
King David and David, who
killed the giant Goliath, and who**

**David, recounted in 1 Samuel
chapters 16 (and later I hope in
17).** As there is so much to learn
and apply, I am hoping by the
grace of God to get this out in two
editions very close to each other,
that is, within a week or four at
the most!

1,000 B.C. The Lord had chosen
'Saul' to be king, but he was a
huge disappointment to God,
due to his disobedience to God's
Instructions through the Prophet
Samuel.

Here we go!



**wrote Psalm 23 and many other
Psalms, or do we?**

Yesterday the Lord told me to
read about 'David' and so I have
been doing that. I never realised
how mind-boggling this part of
the story of David really was! I
have read this probably hundreds
of times in my life, but last night
the Lord helped me learn some
new things. **And what good are
new things for us all? Well, they
are only new if we can apply them
to ourselves, and then pass them
on to others! And that's what this
is all about!**

I hope you are ready?

**In this edition I am going to be
focusing on the story of Young**

Because the world is in such
turmoil today, and we may be
on the edge of World War III, or
something similar, there is a great
deal that we can learn from David,
Praise God! Insomuch as we can
also, like David, serve God and
look to Him alone. Hallelujah!

I am definitely not talking
politically, I am specifically talking
about spiritual things and the
Kingdom of God ONLY!

**I will copy in the text and write
alongside it, in some places, what
I believe the Lord has shown me.**

We are picking up this story in
ancient Israel somewhere just
around the new millennium of

The Prophet Samuel Anoints
David

1 Samuel chapter

16 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.**"

*The Lord ALWAYS gives clear
instructions to His Prophets.
Sometimes He rebukes them,
as we see here, and then He
just always tells them about the
next assignment! I find this very
encouraging. You personally
may fail here and there, but GOD
ALWAYS HAS HOPE FOR YOU!*

2 But Samuel said, "How can I
go? If Saul hears about it, he will
kill me." *The wise prophet was
mindful of security. How mindful
are you today about your security
and that of your family?*

The LORD said, "Take a heifer
with you and say, 'I have come
to sacrifice to the LORD.' **3** Invite
Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will
show you what to do. You are to
anoint for me the one I indicate."
*The Lord has great specific
answers for each one of us if we*

are willing to listen!

Also, the Lord did not tell, even the great Prophet Samuel, who this new king would be; Samuel, like most of us had, to 'await further instructions'! Do you think we are better than the Prophet Samuel? Some of us may do, unfortunately!

4 Samuel did what the LORD said.

(we can't get better than that! , in my opinion, one of the top hundred verses in the Old Testament!)

When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" (Wow! The elders of the town trembled before Samuel! And why was that?) We often have this picture of Samuel as the small boy, given up to Eli the Priest to serve in the temple when he was very young. Perhaps he was five years old or less. Yet God began revealing tremendously deep things to him during his childhood.

This story with young David finds him as an older man, the Main and national Prophet of God in Israel! In Chapter 15 he had just 'hewed in pieces' the wicked Amalekite King Agag. So Samuel was respected and feared by the people in general because of the Power God had given him over many years.

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.

Samuel arrives for his new mission, the anointing of the new king of the country! Sometimes, as we found in China and elsewhere, we had to frequently let people think one thing about us but we were actually something else. Were we lying? Yes, sort of! Here with Samuel, the Lord, due to security reasons, told him to give another impression than

what he was actually doing. I have used this method regularly, if not frequently in my life, not deliberately lying but letting others form another impression of me and my job or life etc.

2 Corinthians 6:8

By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;

6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." *Samuel thought this was the guy, the oldest, strongest and perhaps tallest, just like Saul had been before!*

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."

Here is perhaps one of the best known verses in the Historical part of the Old Testament, and still so valid today. I feel we are all so guilty of this, and we must be, because that's what The Lord said we humans do! **We look on the outward appearance. It would be an excellent prayer to pray everyday, asking God to help us see as He sees, instead of judging people by their exterior appearance. What a lot of problems that could save us from!**

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." 9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11 So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we



will not sit down until he arrives." *Out of respect for whom Samuel now knew must be the new king, and the one God had 'provided from Jesse's sons', and Samuel's dedication to the Lord, no one was going to sit down until he arrived!*

12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

David was a healthy young teenager or possibly pre-teen! He already had a lot of experience in some things, he knew about sheep and caring for them, he could sling stones expertly, he was fearless and in good physical health and also handsome which could be a great advantage in the future, and finally also was an obedient child to his father Jesse, as we learn later in this book.

Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

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.

How just absolutely wonderful and such an encouragement to anyone who feels left out, forgotten, the smallest, the forgotten and the put by the way side. You may feel like that but we are not that way to God, and in His eyes He earnestly desires to fit us for His Service.
The Lord sees the heart. Please never forget that. Amen.

2 Timothy 1:9

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

David was also anointed 'in the presence of his (7) brothers'. Sometimes I do feel that siblings can be a real hindrance in life. Most of us have them, but if we don't, somehow and sometimes others seem to feel that's a bit odd that you are 'an only child'.

Here David had seven of them and perhaps some sisters. So whether you have no siblings or a whole bunch like David, learn to love God first and get ready and ask God to use you and 'consecrate' you. (links below)

Samuel moved in to Ramah, his mission was over for the time being.

*As I was reading this the other day, I was reminded or perhaps just realised for the first time, that **David was the great grandson of Boaz and Ruth**, about whom we wrote a full edition of WCF! (See edition #97, or request for free at this email: wcf@nym.hush.com)*

Matthew 1: 5-6 Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, 6 Jesse the father of King David,

**BOAZ
OBED
JESSE
DAVID and 28 generations later came Jesus Christ. Matthew 1:17**

These are very important things to know, as God was already looking way off in the future. David's great grandfather Boaz, was married to the Moabitess, Ruth, and we see much later in 1 Samuel that David takes care of his aged father Jesse and mother and takes them to the King of Moab for safekeeping! It's quite possible that David could have known Ruth

and Boaz, although we are not told, but I feel sure he probably knew his grandfather Obed, and at least heard a lot about the wealthy man Boaz and his precious wife, Ruth.

It also seems likely that David could have visited Moab in his childhood, Ruth's ancestral country. Just like today in our multicultural mixed up world, people often leave their land of adoption each year or few years and go back and visit all their extended family back 'home'! So David had connections both with Judea and also with Moab to some degree! Today Moab is part of Jordan in the Middle East.

Let's crack on with the second part of this great chapter! Here we see the wheels of God's machinery and Timing begin to crank into action, seamlessly and perfectly of course

David in Saul's Service

14 Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him.



Disobedience has terrifying consequences! Once you refuse God's best plans and you fail in the highest calling, you almost never get a second chance on it. God can no longer trust you. You are then just living out your time on earth until you die. Sad but true. When we don't go with the Spirit of God, the worst case scenario is

that we yield more to the enemy of our souls, like Saul here. It's an ongoing battle, but eventually people become worse and worse, as Saul eventually did. Don't let this happen to you. I would recommend you cry out to God in desperation to help you to avoid a similar fate.

15 Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. 16 Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the lyre. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes on you, and you will feel better."

Back in these days, it seems like people judged everything much more in the spiritual realm. Even his servants knew this was all a spiritual thing. They seemed to have been a whole lot more sensitive than we are today as modern men and women; we have gone so far down the secular, psychological path that we can no longer get the real meaning of what is happening in our lives or that of our loved ones.

17 So Saul said to his attendants, "Find someone who plays well and bring him to me."

18 One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the LORD is with him."

The servants said let's look around, (verse 15) but one servant said, I already know someone, let's go with him! (verse 18)

Saul must have been a music fan and sensed that good music could help him, mentally and spiritually. So he took the advice of his servants, and then, lo and behold someone already knew about David's ability to play well and produce beautiful music, as well as other positive attributes.

Through this, God was opening the future doors of greatness, which lasted over 24 years until

David finally became the King!

19 Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." 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.

Saul commanded and it was done. Saul was quite good at commanding and organising as we see previously and later. But the interesting thing to me is that Jesse, David's father, was



immediately compliant to the King's request. Jesse sent a gift for the king as well as his son David! This is still the way a lot of people do business. I even heard of a woman in China who gave an expensive new fridge as a gift to a local politician to help him comply with her request! And these types of procedure are quite common globally.

'A man's gift makes room for him (or her)!' And this is true, up to a point.

Proverbs 18:16 A man's gift [given in love or courtesy] makes room for him And brings him before great men.

21 David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armour-bearers. 22 Then

Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, "Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him." **The new movement of God had begun, the Spirit was working, unknown to everyone at this point, praise the Lord! You can be sure Daddy Jesse did not refuse the request from Saul also.**

23 Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

Antoine-Jean Gros. 16 March 1771 – 25 June 1835)

There is power in Godly music, music inspired by the Holy Spirit. As we see in verse 13 of this chapter, the Spirit of God began to move powerfully on David, I am sure that this included music. Music is the key to so many things, either for good or evil. Godly music inspires us to love Him, and the devil's music moves people to violence and great confusion. Make sure you are listening to the right kind of music.

Do you have gifts and talents, even though small in your own estimation? Develop them today, and see what God will use them for tomorrow for His Glory.

Well dear friends, that is the end of this wonderful edition. I so enjoyed

reading these chapters and they fed my soul tremendously!

Some great things about David, God moving people in and out and also the importance of your forefathers and family blood lines, siblings and the importance of obedience to God, not looking on the outward appearance, and whatever else the Holy Spirit might show you from this humble article.

Thank you for your help and listening and your prayers for us, and the development of these articles and podcasts to a global audience of believers.

God bless you with a powerful new week! May the Spirit of the Lord move powerfully on you this week, in Jesus' Name, amen!

Love in Jesus,

Jerry for the WCF Team

The next edition of this about David will be chapter 17: David and Goliath! God willing. 000h!



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45 THEN SAID DAVID TO THE PHILISTINE, THOU COMEST TO ME WITH A SWORD, AND WITH A SPEAR, AND WITH A SHIELD: BUT I COME TO THEE IN THE NAME OF THE LORD OF HOSTS, THE GOD OF THE ARMIES OF ISRAEL, WHOM THOU HAST DEFIED.

46 THIS DAY WILL THE LORD DELIVER THEE INTO MINE HAND; AND I WILL SMITE THEE, AND TAKE THINE HEAD FROM THEE; AND I WILL GIVE THE CARCASSES OF THE HOST OF THE PHILISTINES THIS DAY UNTO THE FOWLS OF THE AIR, AND TO THE WILD BEASTS OF THE EARTH; THAT ALL THE EARTH MAY KNOW THAT THERE IS A GOD IN ISRAEL.

47 AND ALL THIS ASSEMBLY SHALL KNOW THAT THE LORD SAVETH NOT WITH SWORD AND SPEAR: FOR THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S, AND HE WILL GIVE YOU INTO OUR HANDS.

1 SAMUEL 17:45-47

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