

GOD'S MAN - GOD'S TIME - GOD'S PLACE

"Just A Nobody"

1 Samuel 16

INTRODUCTION:

1. After Saul became King of Israel his actions and decisions soon revealed who he really was.

a) He was selfish, hateful, and mean.

2. **QUESTION:** Do you think for one second that the people of Israel would have chosen Saul if they had known who he really was?

a) Saul lost touch of reality and becoming King went to his head.

3. Not long after Saul began to reign, Samuel caught him in 3 serious acts of disobedience.

#1 - Saul's unlawful sacrifice - 1 Samuel 13

#2 - He made a rash vow - 1 Samuel 14:24-31

#3 - Open disobedience - 1 Samuel 15:24-25

4. Vs 26-30

5. Vs 35

a) *"And Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death; but Samuel grieved over Saul."*

6. DO YOU KNOW WHY SAMUEL GRIEVED OVER SAUL?

I. PEOPLE PANIC - GOD PROVIDES

1. **LISTEN UP:** What Samuel failed to realize (And what we often fail to realize) is that behind the scenes, and before the creation of the universe; God had this moment in mind.

2. When we panic, God knows exactly what He is going to do.

3. When we panic we pray, *"Lord just reveal to me what's going on and what you are about to do!!"*

a) *"Then I'll feel much better and know how to make plans accordingly."*

4. *Hebrews 11:6, 17-18*

5. *Isaiah 65:24*

6. **1 Samuel 16:1**

a) "Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

7. Vs 2

8. NOW HERE'S A BIG QUESTION? Is there a Saul in your life?

9. Vs 2-3

10. God has some extremely exciting things in mind for his children.

11. Just remember that "*without faith, it is impossible to please him.*"

a) FAITH is an ADVENTURE!!

12. Vs 4

II. PREPARATION PRECEEDS REVELATION

1. Vs 4

a) "*Do you come in peace?*"

2. Vs 5

a) "*consecrate yourselves*"

1) "*consecrate*" - get right and set yourself apart

3. Vs 6

a) So here they are in a room and nobody has a clue who will be chosen.

4. **Very Important:** God will allow us to make our own choices in life.

a) AND we will suffer the consequences of doing so.

5. Vs 6

a) "*Eliab*" - again the people's choice.

b) Vs 7

6. Vs 8

a) "*Abinadab?*" - Nope - him either.

7. Vs 9

a) "*Shammah*" - Nope

b) Cf. Vs 7

8. Vs 10

III. MAN PRESUMES - GOD PURSUES

1. Vs 11

2. **LESSON:** Since God is the only one who can see into the human heart, we have to look to Him to give us discernment to see.

3. **LESSON:** In our quest to follow Christ, we must be able to see past the obvious.

4. Vs 12

a) Where was David? Out with the Sheep!!!

5. Vs 13

a) "*anointed him with oil*"

b) "*in the midst of his brothers.*"

6. So how was David's attitude after being anointed with oil?

a) And being indwelt by the Holy Spirit?

7. Vs 14-19

8. *Saul was dealing with a great depression.*

9. 17:14-15

a) David was responsible and took care of his father's sheep.

10. DAVID WAS FAITHFUL

a) *1 Corinthians 4:2*

CONCLUSION: Three timeless truths:

1) God's Solutions are Simple

a) We make things so difficult

2) God promotes Suddenly

a) God takes notice of those who are faithful.

3) God already knows

a) God already sees the heart