

Samuel Anoints David

(Based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13)

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The Lord said to Samuel, “Take oil with you and go to Bethlehem. I have picked a new king from one of Jesse’s sons.” “But what if King Saul hears about this? He will kill me!” answered Samuel.



The Lord told Samuel to make a sacrifice and invite Jesse's family. When Samuel saw Jesse's oldest son Eliab, he thought, "This must be the one!" But the Lord said, "Don't look on the outside. I'm looking at his heart."



Then the next son, Abinadab stood in front of Samuel. “No,” said Samuel. “This is not the one the Lord has picked either.”



Jesse made seven of his sons pass in front of Samuel and Samuel said, "The Lord hasn't picked any of these. Are all of your children here?" The youngest son named David was out in the field taking care of the sheep.



They brought young David in and what a good-looking young fellow he was, with rosy cheeks. The Lord said, “This is the one! Anoint Him.”



Then Samuel took the horn of oil and poured it on David. The Spirit of the Lord came on David from that day.



Lord, help me to always remember that you are not impressed with how I look on the outside. It is the **INSIDE** me that counts.