

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF 1 SAMUEL

[PART 29]

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Reading: 1 Samuel 16:13 - 23

Introduction

- Notice the comparisons and contrasts with David and Saul.
- One is being anointed, the other is losing the anointing.
- One is king, the other is to be king.
- One Spirit came to bless David, the other spirit came to trouble Saul.

1 The Humility Of David

- This had just been the greatest day of David's life to date.
- Anointed to be the king, yet there is no hint of arrogance or pride.
- [Vs 19] he humbly goes back to continue looking after the sheep.
- Note the beautiful humility and lowliness of David.
- Never forget, the currency of heaven is **'humility'**.
- Consider [Psalm 149:4], [Philippians 2:3], [Matthew 23:11/12].
- ***'A great man/woman is always willing to be little.'***

2 Introduced To Saul's Court

- Remember, Saul is oblivious to all that had happened at Bethlehem.
- Had he known, he'd have had David killed, not brought into his residence.
- But God wanted David there to learn the workings of kingship.
- Remember, an evil spirit sent by God to trouble Saul.

- His servants noticed the beginning of his psychological disintegration.
- His advisors recommend music to soothe his mood swings. [Vs 16].
- [Vs 18] One of the servants recommended David giving him an impressive reference. [Proverbs 18:16].
- Observe the invisible sovereign hand of God purposely moving David to where he wanted him to be.
- David didn't push this door open. God did. [Psalm 75:6].

3 The Gift Of Music

- David is described as being '*skilful in playing*'
- His instrument of choice was the harp.
- He honed his skills whilst shepherding the sheep.
- Probably singing praises to God in the heavens above.
- Later he would teach the nation to worship God through his Psalms.
- Whatever skill God has given you? Perfect it. Become brilliant at it.
- Use it for God's glory.
- Music is a gift from God.
- Before there was music on earth [Genesis 4:21] there was music in heaven. [Ezekiel 28:13].
- Music was created for humanity to worship God with.
- Look at the gifted musicians and singers in the world.
- They have taken God's gift and used it to entertain themselves instead of worshipping God with it.

4 Finally

- [Vs 18] "*And the Lord is with him.*"
- With him in a special way/a marked way.
- Others noted this as they saw how he blessed others.
- Are you blessing others?

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