

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF

1 SAMUEL



[PART 28]

THE ANOINTING OF DAVID

Reading: 1 Samuel 16:6 - 14

Introduction

- A previously unknown son of Jesse the Bethlehemite begins his day as a shepherd but retires that night as king elect.
- What began as a normal day ended as the most important day of his whole life.
- He is anointed king in front of his whole family by Samuel, '*the king maker*'.
- Consider the text of Ethan the Ezrahite in [Psalm 89:19/20].
- The anointing with oil was visible, the coming of the Holy Spirit was not visible but it was as real.

1 The King In Waiting

- This anointing of David was a promise from God that one day he would be king.
- But according to [2 Samuel 4:3/4] David would have to wait 14 years for the fulfilment of the promise.
- There had to be time for the shepherd to morph into a king.
- Consider [Habakkuk 2:3] and [Ecclesiastes 3:11].
- If God has promised you something, it will happen but you must first be proved.

2 When God Anoints

- The word '**anoint**' and its variations are used 153 times in the Bible.
- The '**anointing**' is when God, the Holy Spirit comes upon someone supernaturally.
- It is God setting them apart for Himself and His service.
- It is to equip them with talents, skill sets, know how and power to serve God and His Kingdom.
- Different anointings for different tasks.
- God has small anointings and larger anointings.
- God chooses who He will and who He will not anoint.
- They are God's '**anointed**'
- God anointed Bezalel in [Exodus 35:30 - 35].
- He anointed Gideon in [Judges 6:34].
- He anoints Samson in [Judges 13:25, 14:6, 14:19 & 15:14].
- He even anointed Saul in [1 Samuel 10:10] but it was only for a season.
- He anointed those in the upper room in [Acts 2] and Peter to preach and heal.
- It was the anointing on Jesus that brought about His miracles [Acts 10:38].

3 Loosing The Anointing

- [Ch 16:13] David is anointed but in [vs 14] Saul loses the anointing.
- The difference between the '**anointed man**' and the man without the anointing is seen in Goliath's challenge.
- The man who has lost the anointing is fearful and the man with it runs to the challenge.
- They both saw the same thing but one was bold and courageous and the other was fearful.
- Don't lose your anointing.

4 Distressing Spirits

- This distressing spirit was '**an evil spirit**' from God.
- Jehovah even has control over evil spirits; they must do His bidding.
- God turns Saul over to Satan for judgement
- [Psalm 51:11] "**do not take your Holy Spirit from me.**"

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