

The Chosen Replacement  
1 Samuel 16  
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from the anointing of David.

Intro: 1. Saul was to have the kingdom torn away from Him.  
2. In 1 Samuel 16 we see that hasn't changed and that God begins the process of moving forward.

I. God's Command to Samuel

A. Samuel continued to mourn over Saul (v.1)

1. God tells him the time to mourn for Saul is over.
  - a. God was "over Saul" and was ready to move on to a new king.

B. The command had two purposes.

1. Saul is told to go
2. Samuel simply only revealed one of those purposes (v.2-3).
  - i. (1) To offer a sacrifice, (2) to invite Jesse in order to reveal God's plan to him.

II. One is Anointed, One is Troubled

A. David is anointed

1. The older men were not to be the new King (v.6,8-10)
2. David is chosen(v.11-13) and we are reminded why (v.7)
  - a. David's heart was acceptable to God.

B. Saul is troubled

1. Saul is troubled (v.14-15)
  - a. Without God a right relationship with God, man deserves to be "troubled".
2. Saul's aide comes from a surprising place (v.16-23).
  - a. The Lord's work is amazing.
  - b. Saul, at this point it seems, did not realize just who it was who was coming to his aide.

III. Lessons for us today.

A. Man must not choose righteous leadership

1. Samuel mourned over Saul (v.1a)
2. However, God told Him it was time to move on (v.1a)
  - i. Better leadership, righteous leadership was needed. (v.1b)

B. Comfort comes from surprising places (v.19-23)

1. Who was the one who comforted Saul with his skills? David
  - a. Who was the man who would become king? David
  - b. David was the answer for Israel and He was the answer for Saul.
2. Samuel should of found comfort in the new man that God had chosen.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Man may be saddened over those who have failed, but this cannot prevent man from moving forward (1 Sam 16:1a)

2. God always offers forgiveness but He too, will move on when it's time.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9