

David, the Man Whom God Chose (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

Introduction

There are three men that stand out in the redemptive history of the Old Testament, namely, Abraham, Moses, and David. We considered both Abraham and Moses in our previous studies and saw their greatness in faith.

Today we will consider David.

According to 1 Sam 16:1-13, there were three things that made David's life stand out:

1. A man of God's choice
2. A man of God's vision
3. A man of God's Spirit

1. A Man of God's Choice (v 1)

There was a difference between Saul and David, mentioned in verse 1: Saul was rejected by God, and David was chosen by God.

- Saul was not the Lord's choice in the first place (1 Sam 8).
- Saul was a disaster as the king of Israel.
- Proverbs 14:12, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

➤ When man's will is done, it is always disastrous. This is what exactly happens in homes, nations, and societies today.

On the contrary, when David was the choice of God, he stands as one of the greatest kings ever ruled the world—a king of righteousness and truth.

- He chose Jerusalem as the Capital of Israel
- He brought back the Ark of the Lord to Jerusalem
- He planned for the Temple of the Lord
- God made the Davidic Covenant with him (2 Sam 7), that was the promise of the Messiah through the Davidic genealogy.
- Proverbs 14:11, "The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish."

2. A Man of God's Vision (v 7)

David was a man in whom God's vision was evident—his heart inclined toward God (v 7).

- David was not a man of perfection, but David was a man of integrity who truly wanted to love God and desired His Kingdom flourish.
- David's counsel to Solomon: 1 Chronicles 28:9, "And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD

searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.”

- Proverbs 21:2, “Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts.”
 - No matter how expensive the camera is, if the lens is damaged, the vision be blurred.
 - Sin distorts and inverts our vision.

3. A Man of God’s Spirit (v 13)

When the anointing of David happened, we were told that the Spirit of God not only came on David, but the Spirit dwelt continually on him.

- The difference with Saul was that the Spirit of God departed from him (v 14).

The Spirit of God has a great ministry for a child of God, for which the Spirit should continue to dwell on us.

- This will happen only with those who are truly regenerated, and those who truly yield themselves to the Spirit of God.

Conclusion

Psalms 32:8, “I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.”

- The choice of a person for any spiritual work must be by God’s.

