

A SHEPHERD BOY MADE KING

I Samuel 16:1-23.

LESSON 58 -- Primary Course

MEMORY VERSE: "Blessed are the meek"

(Matthew 5:5).

BIBLE TEXT

I Samuel 16:1-23

1 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him.

7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height

of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to

look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

14 ¶ But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

15 And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee.

16 Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.

17 And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me.

18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I

have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him.

19 Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which is with the sheep.

20 And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul.

21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.

22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.

23 And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

NOTES

New King Needed

The small boy in the Temple had grown to be a man. He was a good man, and was doing God's work in a way that pleased God. But the king was not good. He had disobeyed God, and God was not pleased with him; and He was going to put in another king who He knew would do what He wanted him to do. God knows who will obey Him and who will not.

Samuel Obeys God

God knows where the good people are and where the bad ones are. He knew where a boy was who had a good heart, and who loved Him. God told Samuel to go to a home where there were many boys,

and anoint one of them king. The father brought out one of his sons who was tall and fine-looking; but the Lord told Samuel he was not the right one. God said, "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

Then the father called another son; and after seven sons had been looked at, but not chosen, Samuel asked the father if he had more sons. He said that his youngest son was in the field taking care of the sheep. Samuel said to Jesse the father, "Send and fetch him."

David Chosen

David was called, and when Samuel saw this young man he knew that he was the good boy that God had chosen to be king later on. Samuel took the oil he had with him in a horn and poured it on David's head. God blessed David from that very day on.

David the Musician

David was a musician -- he played a harp, and he also sang many songs. He praised the Lord by playing and singing the songs he wrote. One song that we all love is taken from a song written by David. "The Lord is My Shepherd." Perhaps as David wrote this song he looked back to a certain day, when he was out tending the sheep, and was called in before Samuel. That day Samuel anointed David to be the new king. The Lord led and took care of David just as David had led the sheep.

The bad king did not please God, and he became sick and unhappy. He wanted someone to come and play sweet music for him. He and his friends were talking about it one day. One of them must have heard David play, for he said to the king that he knew a young man who could play very well. So the king sent men to ask David's father to send David to the king to play for him. David played on his harp for the king, and the king liked him very much and made

him his helper. David loved God and God loved David. God blesses those who love Him and obey Him.

QUESTIONS

1. Was the first one of Jesse's sons chosen to be king?
I Samuel 16:7.
2. What was the youngest son doing at this time?
I Samuel 16:11.
3. What did the Lord say when David was brought before Samuel? I Samuel 16:12.
4. What did David do for Saul? I Samuel 16:21–23.
5. Does God look only on the outside of man? I Samuel 16:7.

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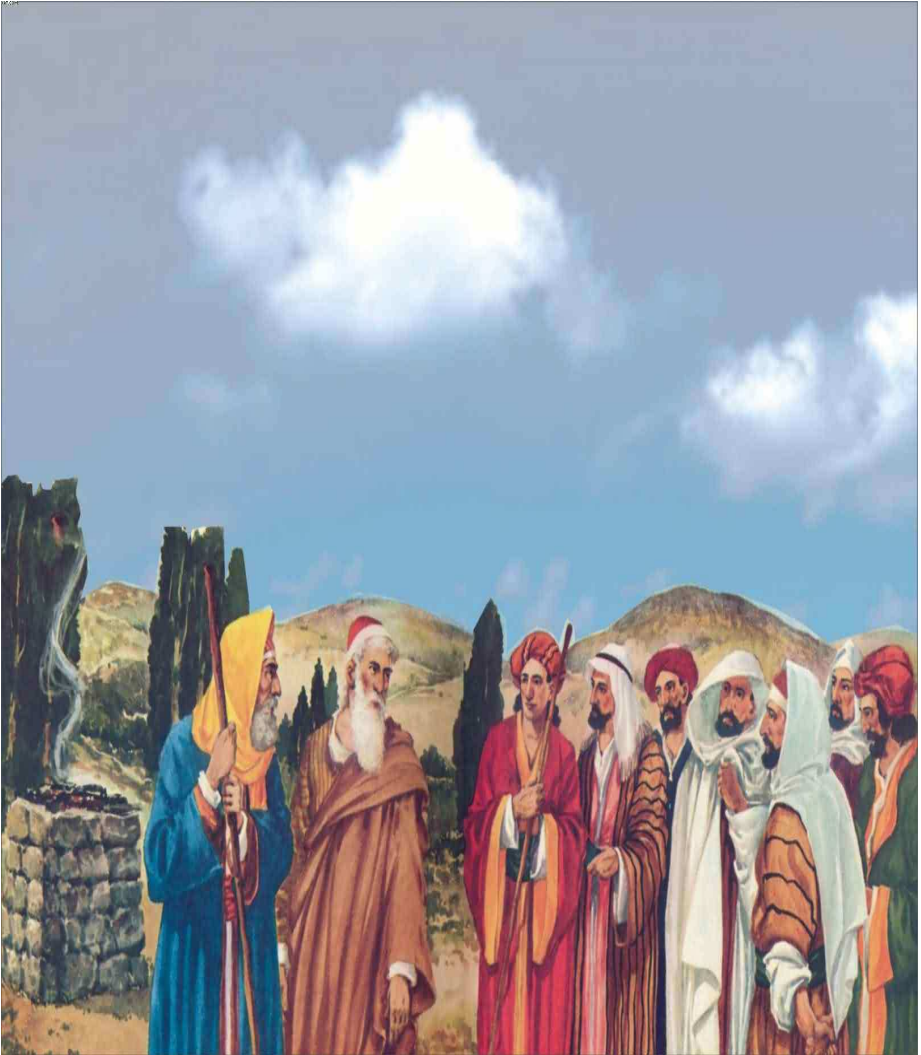
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Jesus Christ Is Our Shepherd

Jesus is our Shepherd, wiping every tear,
Folded in His bosom, what have we to fear?
Only let us follow wither He doth lead,
To the thirsty desert, or the dewy mead

PICTURE 1



PICTURE 2



PICTURE 3

