

# FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

## CHAPTER 16:1-23

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**“WHEN GOD COMES UPON A MAN”**  
**PART 1**

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**INTRODUCTION**

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*I Samuel 16:1-23*

Before God rejects a man, He first selects a replacement.  
Never does God run His work into the red or into debt.

## The Lord Loves His People!

**Jeremiah 3:14a-15**

"Return, O backsliding children," says the LORD;  
"for I am married to you...."

15 "And I will give you shepherds (pastors) according to My heart,  
who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

## Saul

Was the people's choice for king. But God had a whole  
different KIND of man in mind to shepherd His people.

# Ministry by Assumption

Is a common but dangerous thing among "ministers"

## What is the Mark of a True Pastor

*He is to Teach (feed them) & He is to Tend (know them)*

### John 21:16-17

"Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "**Tend My sheep.**"

....17 He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"... "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You."

Jesus said to him,  
"**Feed My sheep.**"

THERE ARE **SAUL HEARTED** PEOPLE IN MINISTRY  
AND THERE **DAVID HEARTED** PEOPLE IN MINISTRY

**In Time - The Sheep can Tell**

Churches Ought to Pray for Their Pastor's

**Satan Hates Pastors – *the real*  
*pastors!***

# God Wants to Bless His People - It's Just the Way God Runs His Business

## WHEN GOD COMES UPON A MAN

Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons." 2 And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' 3 "Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you."

### ***a.) Samuel's heart was to be "in-line" with God's heart v.1***

Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel?"

Samuel, You Need to Think Like I think

Is Samuel Feeling Responsible?

1 Samuel 13:13-14

And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you. For now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. 14 "But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be commander over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

# Notice : “How” David is coming to Power

*It's because God knows all things*

***b.) Samuel is weakened by Saul ministry***

***v.2***

And Samuel said,  
"How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me."

## There are Pressures and Risks when we follow the Lord

Saul had failed  
to be obedient to God's directions

## Self-Examination of "Self"

2 Corinthians 13:5-6

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?-- unless indeed you are disqualified. 6 But I trust that you will know that we are not disqualified.

What is the Motivation  
Behind what you're doing for God?

***Samuel is weakened  
by Saul's influence and example***

# A Godly Example

Galatians 1:10

For do I now seek the favor of men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still desired to please men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.

Proverbs 29:25

The fear of man brings a snare, but whoever trusts  
in the LORD shall be safe.

## Samuel is Insecure

In My Insecurities

God becomes the Greater and more obvious

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

When You're Called  
– You Won't Complain about it

I've given up so much for the ministry. I'm so stretched  
It's so difficult to be serving God & being a Pastor and all...

# **“The Ministry is so Hard”**

(The whiner whines because - he's not called)

## **What's Your Attitude Like - In Christ?**

**c.) Samuel must obey the call of God – You Must! V.1**

Fill your horn with oil, and go

## **A Bigger Vision is Needed Today**

Luke 10:2-3

Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. 3 "Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves.

## **You Must, Have To, Gotta Obey the Call of God**

Mark 16:15

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

## **Analysis It to Death**

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

"invite Jesse to the sacrifice, **and I will show you what you shall do**; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you."

## WHEN GOD COMES UPON A MAN

### **2.) *It's based upon His will being done***

**vv. 4-7**

4 said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" 5 come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is before Him." 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, **"Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."**

### **a.) *His will is not bias by earthly powers***

**vv.6-7**

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We had a Tall Saul  
So we need another Tall guy  
**HUMAN JUDGEMENT IS FLAWED**

### **b.) *God's standard for ministry***

**v.7**

**For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."**

Isaiah 55:8-9

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD.  
9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways,  
and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Who are the real ministers and ministries?

## **A Jesus Hearted Ministry**

Psalms 147:10-11

He does not delight in the strength of the horse; he takes no pleasure in the legs of a man. 11 The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him,  
in those who hope in His mercy.

### **WHEN GOD COMES UPON A MAN**

#### **3.) *It will be by the power of the Holy Spirit vv. 8-13***

8 So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here." 12 So he sent and brought David in. Now he was ruddy (tanned skin), with bright eyes, (lively) and good-looking (strong features). And the LORD said, "**Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!**" 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

**The Selection of God is based upon His Will**

**God is Good – *all the time, even if...***



***It will be by the power of the Holy Spirit***

***a.) The Selection of God is Rooted in Him = Mystery vv.8-10***

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**It's The Heart -  
that God is Interested in**

Genesis 18:25

...Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

Romans 8:28-30

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

***It will be by the power of the Holy Spirit***

***b.) The Calling of God is not up to human reason v.11***

And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, **keeping the sheep.**" And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here."

**Shepherds Smell &  
They're not always "book smart"**

1 Chronicles 17:7-8

"I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel....

# God Made David

## God Doesn't Call the Gifted – He Gifts the Called

Romans 11:29

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; **and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.** So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

Ephesians 5:18

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation;  
But (similar, but contrasting) be **filled** (filled again and again = re-fueled) with the Spirit,

Wine Possesses You  
SO DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT

Wine Controls You  
SO DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT

Wine Brings You Under It's Influence  
SO DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT

## "The Promise of the Father"

Acts 1:4-5

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

# **The filling or baptism OF THE Holy Spirit is very different from baptism BY THE Spirit**

Baptism BY THE Spirit

Is a one-time event at the moment of  
salvation. It is Act of the Holy Spirit placing  
you into

the Body (Church) of Christ.

It has nothing to do with water baptism

**1 Corinthians 12:7-12**

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. 12 For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.

**“The filling or baptism OF THE  
Holy Spirit  
is a continuous re-fueling of power  
in the life of the Christian.”**

The Baptism IN THE Holy Spirit  
Is a continuous event - It places the POWER of  
the Holy Spirit upon you, making you FILLED  
for victory and service.

*It too has nothing to do with water baptism*

**Matthew 3:11**

"I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Acts 4:29-31

"Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, 30 "by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

## **Joy & Holy Spirit Awaits You**

Acts 13:52

And the disciples were filled with joy  
and with the Holy Spirit.

## **Paul's Need to be Filled before Take Off**

Acts 9:17

And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

## **Rivers of Living Water**

John 7:37-39

On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water (gushing or moving or active water)." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

## The Jews Would Never Drink from Standing Water It was considered dead and poisoned

Luke 11:9-13

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11 "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

## The Functionality of the Holy Spirit

John 16:7-11

"...I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 "of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 "of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 "of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

John 14:16-18

"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you **another Helper**, that He (person) may abide with you forever—even 17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you (para) and will be in (en) you. 18 "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

## The (*para*) and The (*en*) Experience

## The (*epi*) Experience

**The "ALONGSIDE, INSIDE & UPON  
experience" of the Holy Spirit.**

**WHEN GOD COMES UPON A MAN**

He does so by the Holy Spirit

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