

Samuel (Rise of the King) - Lesson 24

The Rise of David, the Decline of Saul (1 Samuel 16:14-23)

I. THE SPIRIT DEPARTS FROM SAUL (1 Samuel 16:14-15)

Dramatic Reversal

- God's Spirit came powerfully upon David
- God's Spirit **DEPARTED (1)** from Saul
- Saul still possessed the throne
- God's chosen king had already changed

Saul still possessed the position, but he had lost the divine empowerment that accompanied his kingship.

What Did Saul Lose?

- The Spirit had empowered Saul as king
- God's empowerment was tied to his calling
- Saul lost that **EMPOWERMENT (2)**
- This is not about eternal salvation

Evil Spirit Torments

- An evil spirit begins tormenting Saul
- The spirit was sent from the Lord
- Saul's distress followed God's **JUDGMENT (3)**
- The king now experiences profound torment

God Remains Sovereign

- God is holy - never the author of sin
- Evil spirits remain under God's authority
- God can use evil agents to accomplish His **PURPOSE (4)**
- Saul's torment occurs under divine judgment

Supporting Scripture: James 1:13; Job 1-2; 1 Kings 22:19-23.

Trouble Recognized

- Saul's torment had become **VISIBLE (5)**
- His servants recognized a spiritual problem
- The king could not conceal his distress
- His servants would seek a way to bring relief

II. THE UNEXPECTED INTRODUCTION OF DAVID (1 Samuel 16:16-18)

Practical Suggestion

- The servants suggest **MUSIC (6)**
- They seek a skilled musician
- The lyre could bring Saul relief
- Their concern is Saul's immediate distress

The Search Begins

- Saul approves the servants' plan
- Musical **SKILL (7)** is his requirement
- The servants are ordered to find someone

- One young servant knows a candidate

More Than a Musician

- David was a skilled musician
- He was valiant and called a warrior
- He was eloquent in **SPEECH** (8)
- He was handsome in appearance

The LORD Is with Him

- The servant's final observation is spiritual
- The Lord is with David
- God's presence matters more than **ABILITY** (9)
- David's reputation precedes him

David's greatest qualification was not what he could do, but that the LORD was with him.

III. THE FUTURE KING SERVES THE PRESENT KING (1 Samuel 16:19-23)

From Pasture to Palace

- Saul sends for David
- David is still tending **SHEEP** (10)
- Jesse sends gifts with his son
- David is summoned to the royal court

A Welcomed Successor

- David enters Saul's service
- Saul loved David greatly
- David becomes his armor-bearer
- Saul requests that David **REMAIN** (11)

Relief Without Restoration

- Saul experiences recurring torment
- David plays the lyre
- Saul receives genuine relief
- The evil spirit **DEPARTS** (12)
- God's rejection of Saul remains

David's music brought Saul temporary relief, but it did not reverse God's judgment upon his kingship.

Our Application

- God's purposes are not **LIMITED** (13) by circumstances
- Our abilities should be used to serve
- Temporary relief is not spiritual restoration
- God's timing does not always match ours

ANSWER KEY

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| 1. DEPARTED (Slide 9) | 8. SPEECH (Slide 21) |
| 2. EMPOWERMENT (Slide 10) | 9. ABILITY (Slide 22) |
| 3. JUDGMENT (Slide 11) | 10. SHEEP (Slide 25) |
| 4. PURPOSE (Slide 12) | 11. REMAIN (Slide 27) |
| 5. VISIBLE (Slide 14) | 12. DEPARTS (Slide 29) |
| 6. MUSIC (Slide 17) | 13. LIMITED (Slide 30) |
| 7. SKILL (Slide 19) | |