

I. We See Sovereignly Orchestrated Events (14-18)

A. God ordains a need (14-15) - “Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the Lord tormented him. 15 And Saul's servants said to him, “Behold now, a harmful spirit from God is tormenting you.”

B. God creates an opportunity (16-17) - “Let our lord now command your servants who are before you to seek out a man who is skillful in playing the lyre, and when the harmful spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will be well.” 17 So Saul said to his servants, “Provide for me a man who can play well and bring him to me.”

C. God supplies the answer (18) - “One of the young men answered, “Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence, and the Lord is with him.” **David described as: musically gifted, courageous, skilled in combat, wise in speech, handsome, and spiritual**

II. We Note Spirit-Ordained Preparation (19-21)

A. David was faithful as a servant (19) - “Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, “Send me David your son, who is with the sheep.” **After being told he would be king, David was content to serve as a shepherd until the appointed time**

B. David was submissive and humble (20) - “And Jesse took a donkey laden with bread and a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them by David his son to Saul.” **Though anointed as Saul's replacement, he functioned as Saul's servant**

C. David was proven and promoted (21) - “And David came to Saul and entered his service. And Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer.”

III. We Discern Clearly Observed Anointing (22-23)

A. God gave David favor (22) - “And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, “Let David remain in my service, for he has found favor in my sight.”

B. God gave David spiritual power (23a) - “And whenever the harmful spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand...”

C. God gave David results (23b) - “So Saul was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him.”