

I. God Passes Over Man’s Obvious Choice (1-11)

- A. There was a reasonable process (10) - “Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.”
- B. There was a lingering unease (11a) - “Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?””
- C. There was a natural oversight (11b) - “And he said, There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.”
- D. There was a deeper consideration (11c) - “And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.”

II. God Is Not Obligated To Explain His Criteria To Man (12-13a)

- A. An unexplored option for a leader (12a) - “And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome.” **David was portrayed in almost an effeminate, youthful naivete. His brothers seemed men. David seemed a boy.**
- B. An unmitigated command to obey (12b) - And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him, for this is he.”
- C. An undeniable choice on display (13) - “Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers.”

III. God Is Sovereign Over What He Does With Leaders (13b-14)

- A. God tears down the walls for David (13b) - “And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward.”
- B. God redirects a pathway for Samuel (13c) - “And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.”
- C. God closes the door on Saul (14) - “Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord tormented him.”