

David the Great

1 Samuel 16:4-23

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1 Samuel 16:14-23 (NLT)

¹⁴Now the Spirit of the LORD had left Saul, and the LORD sent a tormenting spirit that filled him with depression and fear. ¹⁵Some of Saul's servants said to him, "A tormenting spirit from God is troubling you." ¹⁶Let us find a good musician to play the harp whenever the tormenting spirit troubles you. He will play soothing music, and you will soon be well again." ¹⁷"All right," Saul said. "Find me someone who plays well, and bring him here." ¹⁸One of the servants said to Saul, "One of Jesse's sons from Bethlehem is a talented harp player. Not only that—he is a brave warrior, a man of war, and has good judgment. He is also a fine-looking young man, and the LORD is with him." ¹⁹So Saul sent messengers to Jesse to say, "Send me your son David, the shepherd." ²⁰Jesse responded by sending David to Saul, along with a young goat, a donkey loaded with bread, and a wineskin full of wine. ²¹So David went to Saul and began serving him. Saul loved David very much, and David became his armor bearer. ²²Then Saul sent word to Jesse asking, "Please let David remain in my service, for I am very pleased with him." ²³And whenever the tormenting spirit from God troubled Saul, David would play the harp. Then Saul would feel better, and the tormenting spirit would go away.

4 Thoughts Concerning David and Saul:

1. **Rebellion/Disobedience** hinders the anointing of God on our life.

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2. **Worship of Jesus** is a gateway to encounter the peace of God!

In these moments of worship...

- a. our **faith** is strengthened
- b. we are **focused** on our Savior
- c. we find **fresh breath** to face what is out there

3. David is **more than** a Shepherd.

God has gifted you uniquely for
His **Purpose, Plan**, and in your current **Place!**

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4. God ***works and prepares*** you in ways you have never dreamed.

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- David had a ***servant's heart***.
- David became an ***armor bearer*** of Saul.