

SAMUEL PART VII
I SAMUEL CHAPTER 16
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INTRODUCTION

- Samuel guided Israel into its greatest moment under King David after a dark time with King Saul.
- Last week we covered where Saul disobeyed over and over until God tore the kingdom from him.
- But it gave way to one of the richest times Israel has ever known under King David.
- This week the rise of David.

I. THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DAY

- God always has a new day, no matter how dark the days are.
- I Samuel 16 is the new day built on the life of a young shepherd boy, David.
- Samuel will be tested like never before.
- I Samuel 16:6-7 NLT, "...the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."
- God looks for hearts, the inward, not outward.
- Vss. 8-13 - First glance at the great King David.
- He is anointed king in the privacy of a house.
- God would demonstrate His power when His hand was on this shepherd boy.
- All that was good for David was bad for Saul.
- Vs. 14 - "Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord terrorized him."

II. THE PAIN OF JEALOUSY

- The story of transition from King Saul to King David is a painful and angry journey.
- David begins to rise as the Lord lifts him up.
- Saul's refusal to surrender causes a huge battle.
- I Samuel 18:12 - The reality of jealousy - "Now Saul was afraid of David, for the Lord was with him..."
- Vs. 16 - "But all Israel and Judah loved David, and he went out and came in before them."
- This became a huge test for David.
- David learned great lessons in the caves he hid in.
- Psalm 59:1-10, "Rescue me from my enemies...⁴I have done nothing wrong...He will let me look down in triumph on all my enemies."

III. THE SUNSET OF A GREAT LIFE

- David has been anointed king and Samuel's work is done.
- He is old and faithful and has withstood the storms.
- Vs. 25:1 - "All Israel mourned for him."
- Samuel left a huge legacy. Acts 3:24 tells us he was one of the prophets that foretold Jesus' life.
- Hebrews 11:32 – He is in the "hall of faith."
- His life was marked by prayer - I Samuel 12:23
- It was his inner life that really set him apart.
- Samuel is gone, but not dead.
- John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "...The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

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- The goal for each of us is to leave a legacy; something that lasts past our lives on this planet. Samuel did.