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Lesson 69

THE LORD CHOOSES DAVID

Story Elements

- **Text**: 1 Samuel 16:1-23
- Setting: approx. 1040 B.C.
- Main Characters: God, Saul, Samuel, and David
- **Plot**: Having rejected Saul, the LORD chooses a new king for Israel.
- Key word(s): "
- Climax: And Samuel said unto Jesse, "Are here all thy children?" And he said, "There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep." And Samuel said unto Jesse, "Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither." (v 11)

David: Chosen by God

- 1. (vv 1-3) Samuel's grief for Saul's failure was interrupted by the LORD giving the prophet a new task: to anoint one of the sons of Jesse as Israel's new . a. Samuel was afraid to seek out the chosen one because he was afraid the purpose of his mission would be discovered by Saul and draw his b. Apparently, Samuel's fears were not unfounded, because the LORD gave him a cover: "And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to to the LORD." (vs. 11) 2. (vv 4-5) Upon arrival at Bethlehem, Samuel summoned Jesse and his sons to worship and make sacrifice.
- - a. (vv 6-7) Samuel thought for sure that the tall and impressive Eliab would be the chosen one. Yet God said: "Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward , but the LORD looketh on the heart."
 - b. (vv 8-11) After all of Jesse's sons were presented to the prophet, Samuel asked for the youngest, David, to be fetched from watching the sheep. David was of ruddy (or) and handsome.
- 3. (v 12) The moment Samuel saw David, God told the prophet, "Arise, him: for this is he."
- 4. (v 13) The moment that David was anointed before his family, the Spirit of God came upon him. The Spirit was given to David in the same reason it was given to the judges of Israel and even to Saul: not for piety but for

David: Chosen by Men

5. (v 14-16) As the Spirit of God came on David it departed from Saul. In his place was

6.	sent an evil, or a spirit to trouble him. Saul's servants suggested that a musician be summoned to play music and soothe Saul's troubled mind and soul. (vv 17-18) David was suggested as the man for the job. After having been (privately) anointed king, David is now introduced to the royal court of Israel. God sovereignly worked to bring David into Saul's service.
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-	Verse 7 is often used to justify all manner of sin, but the purpose of verse 7 is not to say that God doesn't care how we act. On the contrary, God indeed looks at the heart counts with God.
8.	Because God is sovereign, he can use even the rebellion of man to accomplish his purposes. As Saul continued his downward spiral, God sent an evil spirit to torment him – an evil influence that Saul, no doubt, had unwittingly invited into his life through his degenerating spiritual condition and disobedience. Saul's tormented soul was the occasion for David's introduction to the royal court. Can you think of another time in the Bible where the LORD sent an evil spirit as judgment against a disobedient king?
9.	The only relief that Saul's troubled mind could find was that of music. Music is powerful – it shapes our feelings, and our feelings can shape our thoughts. How should we feel when we worship God?
	What kind of music should the church use when it gathers for worship?