



## 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):** “\_\_\_\_\_” (v 7)
- **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

