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David's Anointing; Goliath; Saul Becomes an Enemy
1 Samuel 16-18

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Samuel's Mourning → Action

- Samuel has mourned over the failure of Saul
 - God calls Samuel to action
- The first anointed one failed
 - He had rejected God's authority structure
 - His repentance had been disingenuous
- The next anointed one will not fail
 - He will accept God's authority
 - He will genuinely repent

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Yahweh's Eyesight

- Jesse's 7 sons pass before Samuel
 - Samuel intends to choose Eliab
 - God says, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."
- God sees what we cannot see
 - In others or in ourselves

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David's Anointing

- Private ceremony
 - David seems willing, unlike Saul who hid
- Anointing
 - Symbolic of God's Spirit coming upon the chosen
 - "...and the Spirit of God rushed upon <Saul>, and he prophesied among them" (1 Sam 10:10)
 - "And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward."

The Younger Sons

Younger sons displacing the firstborn:

- Abel over Cain
- Isaac over Ishmael
- Jacob over Esau
- Joseph over Reuben
- Other examples

God's salvation can come from the young, the weak, the infant, the suffering servant.

1 Samuel 16:14-23

“literary, historical, and theological
crux of 1 Samuel as a whole”
– *Expositor’s Bible Commentary* Ronald
Youngblood



David Playing Harp to Saul
by Bernardo Cavallino

1 Samuel 17

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Israel's Giant Problem

Saul, the anointed one

- Anointed to protect Israel from the Philistines
- Stood head and shoulders over the others
- Intimidated by the Philistine giant Goliath

David, the anointed one

- Anointed to deliver Israel
- Led by the Spirit of God
- Motivated to defend Yahweh's name
- Leads Israel in a rout of the Philistines after defeating Goliath

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Contrasting David and Goliath

Goliath

Angered by his small opponent

Calls David's shepherd's staff a
"stick"

Curses David

Threatens to expose his corpse to
the wild animals

David

Says Goliath trusts in armor and
weapons

David trusts in Yahweh God

All will know Yahweh is God

"...the battle is the Lord's"

Spirit-led David

- David begins to see as God sees
 - He is not intimidated by Goliath
 - He is not impressed with physical stature, armor, or weaponry
 - He is not afraid to fight in the Valley of Elah
 - He sees that God is with him
 - He sees that God will win
 - He sees that God will be glorified

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Spirit-led David

- Vertical – chapter 16
 - God sees and chooses David to be the anointed
 - God’s Spirit comes upon David “from that day forward”
- Horizontal – chapter 17
 - David sees Goliath and chooses to fight
 - David’s courage glorifies God
 - David inspires Israel

Messianism Themes in Samuel

1. The anointed one is God's appointed ruler
2. The anointed one trusts in God and is protected by him
3. The anointed one of God leads Israel victoriously in battle against the nation's enemies
4. The anointed one is a just ruler

-NIV Application Bible Bill T. Arnold

1 Samuel 18

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David and The Family of Saul

Jonathan, Saul's son (18:1-4) loved David, made a covenant with David, and gave David his robe, armor, and weapons

Saul (18:5-16) angry, jealous, murderous

Michal, Saul's daughter, (18:20-30) loved David, given to David as a wife

David & Jonathan

the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul

- Pro-homosexual interpretations add sexuality
- What then does it mean?
 - Jacob's relationship to his son Benjamin "his life is bound up in the boy's life" (Gen 44:30-31)
 - *ahab* (H157) carries political overtones (J.A. Thompson, Peter Ackroyd, Bill Arnold)

Saul's Psychosis

Failure

Jealousy

Anger

Attempted Murder

Willing to give Merab then Michal to David

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David & Michal

“Michal loved David. And they told Saul, and the thing pleased him”

“...it pleased David well to be the king’s son-in-law”

- Saul is pleased with the opportunity to entrap David in a relationship that may distract him
- David is pleased with the opportunity to be the king’s relative