



REDEMPTION BIBLE STUDIES #4

A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

The Redemption of David

"The Story"

1 Samuel 16: 4-13

4 Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" 5 Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "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." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." 9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11 So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered, "but he is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down [1] until he arrives." 12 So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one." 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.

When Samuel was sent by God to Bethlehem to find a king to replace Saul, there was little doubt that David was the man. God made it clear that the older, bigger, stronger and handsome brothers were not the ones. David the young boy tending the sheep was to be the next king of Israel.

As young children many of us learn the stories of David from the Old Testament. His heroic short battle with the giant, Goliath; taking 5 little stones from the creek bed and his amazing use of a sling. We learned about how he killed both lion and bear with nothing but his hands and whatever he had close. The stories of his amazing victories in battle stand out amongst the greatest war stories in the Bible. We heard of how Saul tried to kill him over and over again, but failed. One of the greatest things we hear about David is that he was considered a man after God's own heart.

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All that being said, David was a man and as a man he had shortcomings as you and I do. If we look we will read of how he hid, fearing for his life at times. We find more about his bad choices with Bathsheba and then her husband. The Psalms are full of David's discouragements and prayers of mourning. Is this a man after God's own heart? Well after continually be redeemed, yes it is.