

Pouring from the Heart

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1 Samuel 16: 1 - 13

16 Now the LORD said to Samuel, "You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king." 2 But Samuel asked, "How can I do that? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." "Take a heifer with you," the LORD replied, "and say that you have come to make a sacrifice to the LORD. 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you which of his sons to anoint for me." 4 So Samuel did as the LORD instructed. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town came trembling to meet him. "What's wrong?" they asked. "Do you come in peace?" 5 "Yes," Samuel replied. "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." Then Samuel performed the purification rite for Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice, too. 6 When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, "Surely this is the LORD's anointed!" 7 But 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." 8 Then Jesse told his son Abinadab to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "This is not the one the LORD has chosen." 9 Next Jesse summoned Shimea,[a] but Samuel said, "Neither is this the one the LORD has chosen." 10 In the same way all seven of Jesse's sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." 11 Then Samuel asked, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse replied. "But he's out in the fields watching the sheep and goats." "Send for him at once," Samuel said. "We will not sit down to eat until he arrives." 12 So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes. And the LORD said, "This is the one; anoint him." 13 So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah.



A Life After God



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God called David "a man after my own heart." David dedicated his life to fulfilling God's purposes on earth. What a way to be remembered! In this week's sermon, Bishop Paul Ojeda delivers a message about a heart committed after the things of God. God called David a man after his own heart, yet he made mistake after mistake. Having a desire to serve God with all your heart doesn't mean you are sinless, and you won't ever make mistakes. You don't need to be a perfect man or woman to serve God right now. You just need a heart that is solely committed to Him! God is more interested in seeing you serve Him with all your heart, might, mind, strength and that you are committed to the things of Him with pure intentions. You will never be perfect in this life, but you can commit to living with a heart like David's that was devoted to doing his very best to serve Him wholeheartedly.

Question to discuss:

1. What does it mean to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength? Give some examples and discuss how you can apply this to your life.

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