



11am Bible Study:
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Topic: What Do We Desire?
Series Title: That's My King!
Chapters: 1 Sam. 16-17 **April 23rd, 2025**

Central Text: 1 Samuel 16:13-14, NKJV, 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. 14 Now the Spirit of the Lord had left Saul, and *the Lord sent (interpreted "allowed") a tormenting spirit that filled him with depression and fear.*

1080 B.C.	1052 B.C.	1010 B.C.	970 B.C.	970 B.C.	930 B.C.
Birth of Samuel	Saul Reigns as King	David Reigns as King	Solomon Reigns as King	Approximate date for writing of 1&2 Samuel	Division of the Kingdom

What can we discover about our desires?

1. Notice a Subtle Shift from What The People Desired To What God Desired – 1 Samuel 16:1, 1 Sam 8:22; 10:21

- Saul, in a sense, was God's "Permissive Will," and David, in a sense, was God's "Perfect Will."
- God says in 1 Sam 16:1, "For I have provided "Myself" a king from among his sons."
- Saul was chosen by lots, 1 Sam 10:21, which God was behind, yet, it feels like God allowed the people to get the king they wanted after rejecting God as King.
- After the initial king's failure, now God is going to provide "HIMSELF" a king. (1 Sam. 16:1)
- See Genesis 49:8-12 - Jacob's blessing on Judah

Question for Dialogue: In chapters 16 & 17, the people's perspective is contrasted with God's perspective. Samuel was looking at the outside appearance for a King, but God looked at the heart. Saul and his army looked at the size of Goliath, but David looked at God. *What current situation do you need to shift your perspective from looking at the problem to looking at God?*

2. Notice How Bringing God Glory Should Drive Our Daily Way of Living – 1 Samuel 17

- Where everyone else was paralyzed with fear, David had **Blessed Assurance** as he pursued God's glory.
- Remember Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's statement to Nebuchadnezzar, who threatened a **fiery furnace**? Daniel 3:14-18

Question for Dialogue: What area of your life is God requesting Glory, but the enemy is trying to diminish God's glory?