



THE ANOINTING OF DAVID

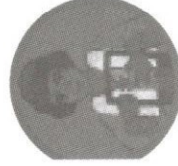
1 Samuel 16:1-13

After God had rejected King Saul, Saul still remained king, but the Lord was no longer with him. God gave Samuel the commission to anoint one of the sons of the house of Jesse as king.

When Samuel entered Jesse's house, he first saw his son Eliab. Samuel thought he was the selected one because he was a fine figure of a man. But God told him not to look at his stature, because man sees the outward appearance, whereas the Lord looks at the heart. The other six sons of Jesse whom Samuel met at the house were also not designated by God to be king. Samuel asked if these were all of Jesse's sons. Jesse then had his youngest son, David, brought who was tending the sheep outside.



The Lord said to Samuel, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." David was the one chosen by God. Samuel anointed him king with precious oil.



DAVID AT THE COURT OF SAUL

1 Samuel 16:14-23

Saul was often restless and troubled by evil thoughts. David was brought to the king's court because he was able to play the harp beautifully. His playing refreshed and calmed King Saul.



EXERCISE 2



Enter the following words correctly below:

David – fear – prayer – salvation – 150 – lyre –
light – bring – Psalter – way

The Old Testament contains _____ psalms which collectively are also called the _____ . Many of them were written by _____ .

Psalms are songs that were mostly accompanied on a _____ (see illustration).

Several times reference is also made to _____ in the psalms.

The Psalms were the prayer-book and song-book of the people of the Old Covenant.

In addition to a deep reverence for God, the psalms of David testify of his great trust in Him.

Here are a few passages which speak to David's trust in God:

"The Lord is my _____ and my salvation; whom shall I _____ ?

The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalm 27:1).

"Commit your _____ to the Lord, trust also in Him, and He shall _____ it to pass" (Psalm 37:5).

"In God is my _____ and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in Him at all times, you people; pour out your heart before Him: God is a refuge for us" (Psalm 62:7-8).



DAVID AND GOLIATH

1 Samuel 17

The Philistines were at war with Israel. A giant named Goliath, who was over three metres tall, challenged Israel to a duel. One of the Israelites was to fight against him. For forty days none of the Israelites dared to do it. Eventually David found out about the Philistine's challenge and courageously prepared for the fight. He said to Goliath, "You come to me with a sword, a spear and a shield, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts." Using a simple sling, which the shepherd boy knew how to handle well, he slung a stone at the giant's forehead. Goliath fell to the ground. David took the giant's sword and killed him with it.

Then all of the Philistines fled because their strongest warrior had been killed.

David later became the army commander and befriended Saul's son, Jonathan.

DAVID'S CONDUCT TOWARD SAUL

1 Samuel 18-26

After his victory over Goliath, the Israelites cheered David. This caused King Saul to become jealous. Over and above that, Saul was afraid that David would dispute Saul's right to the throne. As a result, he persecuted David and was after his blood.

During one of these pursuits Saul entered a cave. He did not notice that David and his men were at the back of the cave. David's men advised him to kill Saul. But David answered, "The Lord forbid that I lay hands on the anointed of the Lord!" Quietly he cut off a corner of Saul's robe. After Saul had left the cave again, David called after him and showed him the part of the robe he had cut off. With this he proved to Saul that he was not against him as Saul had assumed.