

5. Since Saul didn't see it as his fault, did he ever repent?
6. What price did Saul pay for disobeying God?
(Read 1 Samuel 15:23)
7. What kind of spirit now controlled Saul? Did this spirit bring him peace and joy? (Read 1 Samuel 16:14)
8. When did the Holy Spirit come to dwell on the earth within all believers? (Read Acts 2:1-4)
9. Can a Christian "lose" the Holy Spirit? Why or why not?
(Read Ephesians 4:30)
10. How is the work of the Spirit different in our day than in the day of David? (Read Psalm 51:11-12)
11. When Saul became king, what kind of Spirit empowered him? How did he lose that Spirit? (Read 1 Samuel 10:9-10)
12. How did the evil spirit cause Saul to feel? (1 Samuel 16:15)

II. THE INTERESTING SUGGESTION. William Congreve (1670-1729) wrote, "Music hath charms to soothe a savage beast, to soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak." (It has sometimes been modified in today's society to say, "to soothe the savage beast".) In our vernacular it would read, "to soothe the despairing heart". Deep depression had become a way of life for Saul. Mentally, he hardly ever was at peace except when David provided soft music for his hard heart.

13. What suggestion did Saul's servants make to help Saul overcome his depression? (Read 1 Samuel 16:16)
14. What do you think of their advise, considering the sin problem Saul had? What does this tell you about the men Saul had selected as his counselors?

15. If you knew someone who had walked away from God and they told you that they were seeing a counselor because of depression and guilt, what would you tell them?
16. Why do suggestion that deal with the symptoms, but not with the causes bring more harm than good?
17. Have you ever found yourself distressed and discouraged because of disobedience to God? What did you do about it?

III. THE INSPIRED SELECTION. Even in the midst of apathy towards the Lord, God always has His man. Never forget, God will always have his witness.

18. How do you think this servant knew about David?
(Read 1 Samuel 16:18)
19. After reading the passage above, what is revealed about David's character qualities? There are at least five.
20. What qualities would you like to develop?
21. Why should church musicians strive to be as skillful as worldly musicians? How should they be different?
22. What character qualities do you think are important for Christians who are in the public eye?

IV. THE INSIGNIFICANT SERVANT. The nation of Israel was intently watching the tirades of King Saul while a relatively unknown shepherd boy was tending his father's sheep.

23. When Saul's servant asked for David, where was he? Who do you think sent David there? (Read 1 Samuel 16:19)
24. What gifts did Jesse send to Saul? What is your opinion of these gifts? (Read 1 Samuel 16:20)

V. THE INTRIGUING SOLUTION. Service to others is one of the highest callings a person can have. Because of where God placed David, we know he was a man of high calling. And notice, sometimes God will call you suddenly and unexpectedly to His service.

25. Even though David knew he was to be the next king, is there any evidence that he hesitated to serve Saul? (1 Samuel 16:21-22))

26. Why do you think Saul loved David? Why do you think David loved Saul? What honor did Saul give David?

27. Why was this the best place for David to receive training to become king?

28. How did David minister to Saul? (1 Samuel 16:23)

29. How can love grow out of ministry? In what way is ministry like soothing music to those in misery?

30. What is the best way to learn to be a good leader?

CONCLUSION: God loves music. He chose to have a whole book of songs in the Bible besides all the other songs scattered throughout the Scriptures. He is the Creator of music for He is the Creator of all good things. The book of Job tells us that there was music long before there was Creation, and when the endless ages roll, there will still be music. The Book of Revelation even tells us the words to some of the songs we'll sing. Now it seems to me, if there were a vast amount of musical praise to the Lord before Creation and a whole lot more afterward, there should be a great deal of it in between.

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THE TENDER WARRIOR, THE LIFE OF DAVID

1 Samuel 16:14-23

Saul's Moods and David's Music

Don't you like it when things are simple? Life can become so complicated at times. Aren't you glad that God carries out His plans in simple ways? That statement may have caught you off guard, but we tend to think of God's will as complex and sometimes incomprehensible, but God completes His purposes through very simple measures. And that, my friend, is the miracle of the whole matter. Think over your life about the times that God worked wonders through you and for you. Were they ever very complicated or were they so simple that only a miracle could offer explanation? Now think about the words of God throughout the scriptures, He told Abraham to go and Moses to raise the staff. He told Joshua not to fear and Samuel to listen. Jesus told his disciples to follow and told the lame to rise and walk. He told us to watch for His return. All of these things are simply miraculous! Although our lesson today is about music, it is more about being in the simple will of God. After David had been anointed king, he went back to tending sheep and listening to the still voice of God. A very simple thing, but it was God's will. And David desired to have his whole being in melodic harmony with the Lord.

1. What kind of music do you like best? What kind do you like least?
2. How is music a form of worship, and how can we use music to make our worship services more meaningful?

I. THE INTRUDING SPIRIT. Rebel against the Lord long enough and He will let you have your way. Saul chose to listen to Satan instead of God, and God let Satan "do his thing".

3. What did Saul do that caused God to become so angry with him? (Read 1 Samuel 15:3,7-9)
4. What excuses did Saul offer Samuel for his sin and whom did Saul blame for the problem? (Read 1 Samuel 15:19-21)