

"From Shepherd to King"

Sunday Morning Message by Ray Reynolds (October 27, 2013)

Introduction: Our world judges on externals, by how we look on the outside. God does not make judgments on externals. God looks at the heart. God also wants His people to resist judging on externals. We see this truth in **The Story** as we come to the anointing of David as Israel's king. Let's study together.....

Discussion:

I. David is Chosen as King

- A. God saw David with the potential of a king.
 - 1. David was fully engaged in caring for his sheep (**I Samuel 16-17**).
 - 2. David protected and rescued his sheep (**Psalm 23, 78:70-72**).
 - 3. David was a man after God's own heart (**Acts 13:22**).
- B. Others did not see David with the potential of a king.
 - 1. Jesse, David's father, did not see potential (**I Samuel 16:11**).
 - 2. Eliab, David's older brother, did not see potential (**I Samuel 17:28**).
 - 3. King Saul did not see potential (**I Samuel 17:33**).
 - 4. Goliath did not see potential (**I Samuel 17:43**).
- C. Jonathan, Saul's son and successor, did see potential (**I Samuel 18:4**) and the two of them developed a strong friendship (**II Samuel 1:26**).

II. David is Challenged as King

- A. Saul lives in pursuit (**I Samuel 18:10**).
- B. David lives as a fugitive (**Psalm 12, 13, 54, 63, 142, I Samuel 24-26**).
- C. God delivers David (**II Samuel 22:49, Psalm 18:43, 18:48, 86:13**).

III. David is Characterized as a Great King

- A. There are many parallels between David and Jesus.
- B. There are many parallels between Jesus and other parts of **The Story**.
- C. These parallels set the stage for the GREATEST part of **The Story**.

Conclusion: We are issued a challenge as we read **The Story**. We all need just one person in our lives (a Jonathan) who will see us with great potential to be what God wants us to be. Just as both David and Jesus were underestimated by others we can expect to be underestimated, too. We often underestimate ourselves. Just as David and Jesus went through a season of testing...God will test us as well so that we can develop character and integrity to represent God to our world. God took David from the pasture to the palace, from shepherd to king. What do you think God could do with you? Would you like to let Him try? Will you follow the Shepherd and Overseer of your soul?