

Family Worship

*A Man After God's
Own Heart*

14.3.2021

Opening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for our family.

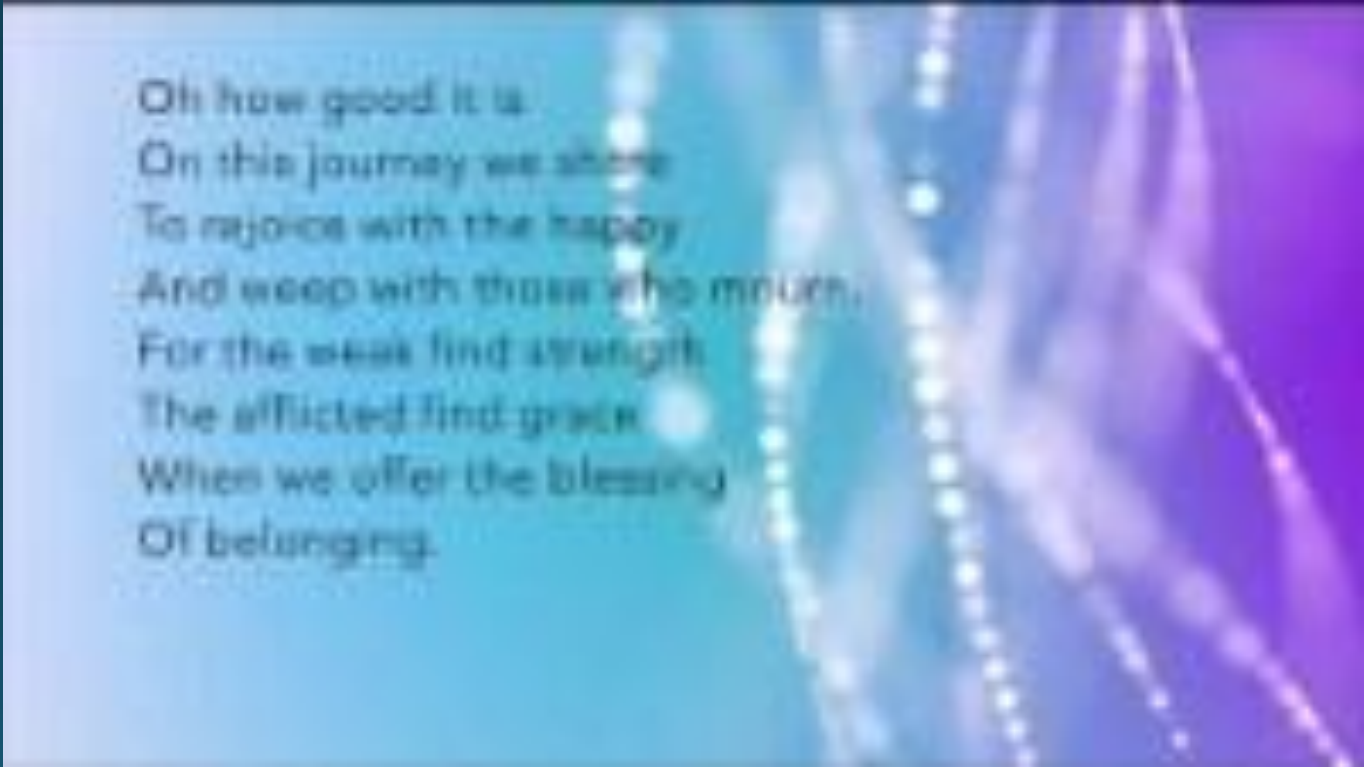
And thank you for the privilege of coming together for worship.

Help us to understand Your Word and obey it with a joyful heart.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

Oh How Good It Is

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Oh how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn,
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging.

Catechism Time!

Bible truths for teaching children

Question 37

Q: How does the Holy Spirit help us?

A: The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

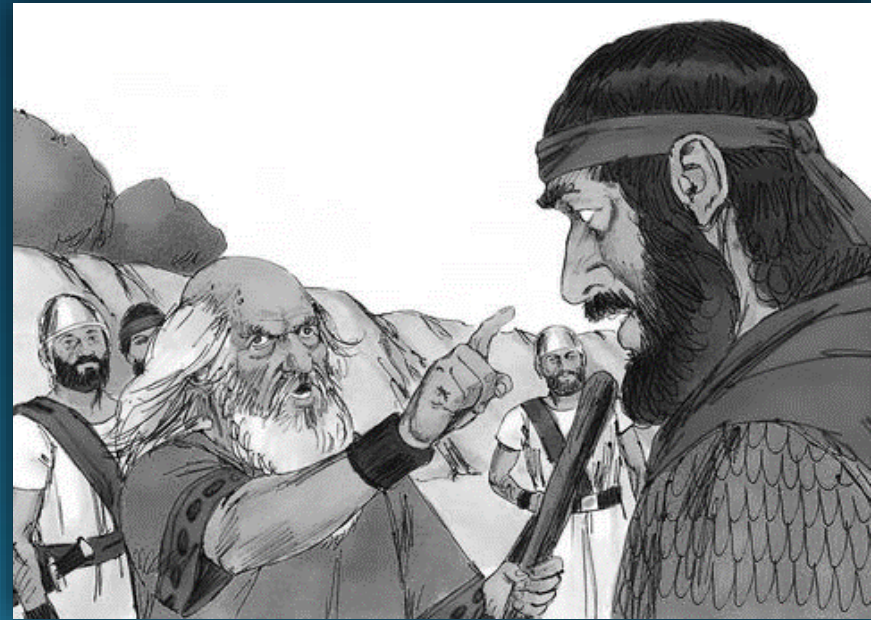
Bible verse (Ephesians 6:17,18a)

Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Background

2 weeks ago we learnt about Saul. He disobeyed God by offering sacrifices to God which only priests were allowed to do. He knew the rules but still disobeyed God.

"You have done a foolish thing," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. But now your kingdom will not endure; **the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart** and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command." (1 Samuel 13:13-14)



Let's Open Up the Bible

1 Samuel 16:1-13

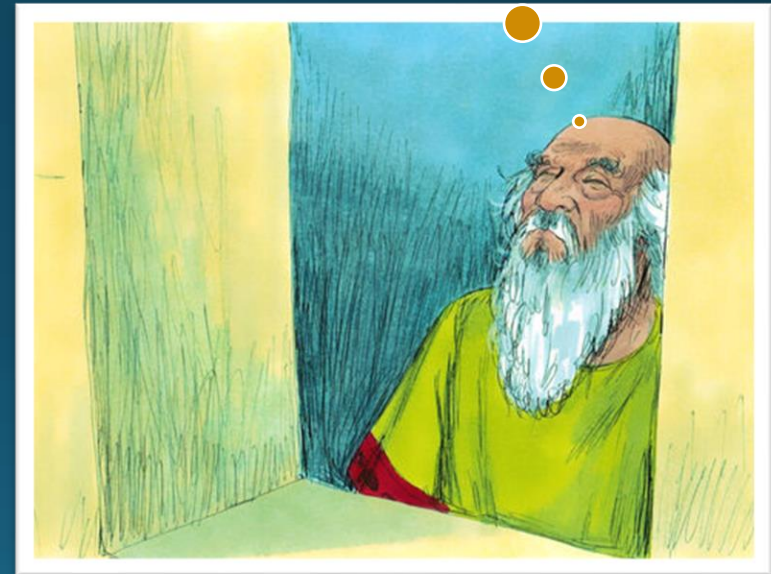
Samuel Anointed David As King

The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. **I have chosen one of his sons to be king.**'

But Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.'

The Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.'

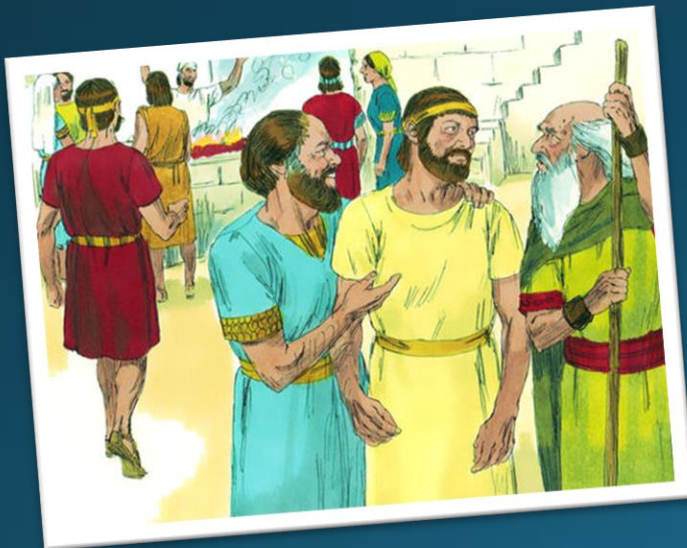
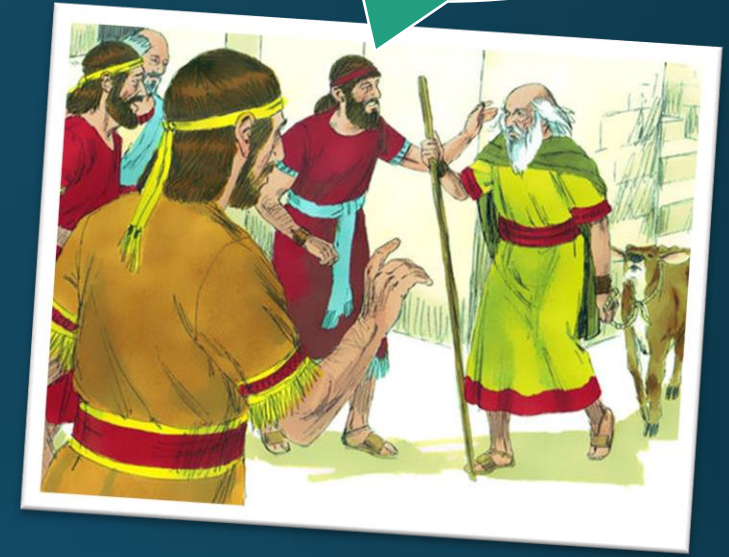
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Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, 'Do you come in peace?'

Samuel replied, 'Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.' Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

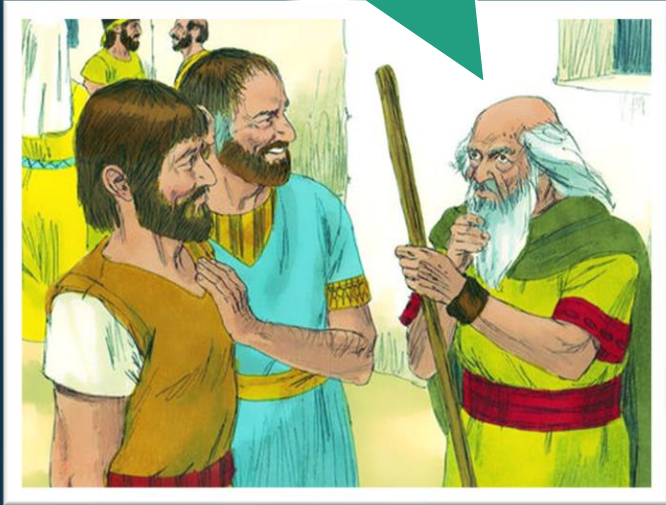
Do you come in peace?



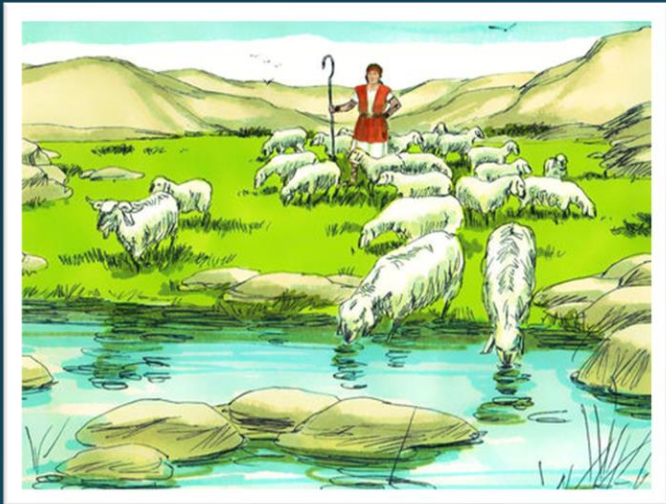
When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord.'

But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. **The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'**

Are these all the
sons you have?



Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, 'The Lord has not chosen this one either.' Jesse then made Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, 'Nor has the Lord chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' So he asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?'



'There is still the youngest,' Jesse answered. 'He is tending the sheep.'

Samuel said, 'Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.'

So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

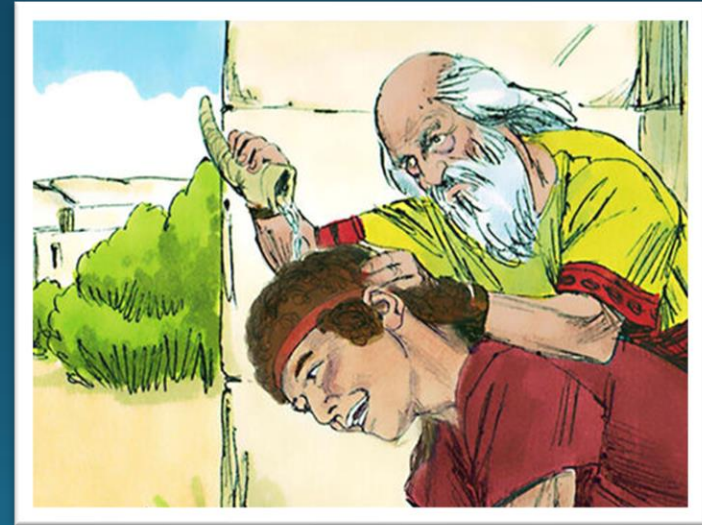
Then the Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; this is the one.' So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on **the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David.** (end of Bible passage)



Later when Saul was tormented by an evil spirit, David played the lyre to soothe him.

David was best remembered for facing Goliath - a giant Philistine fighter - killing him with just a stone and a sling!

Saul's servant described David as "... a brave man and a warrior ... speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the Lord is with him."



Which qualities are very important for choosing a king? Which are somewhat (or not) important? Write down your answers.

Love praises from people

Loves wisdom

Good looking

Obey God

Jealous

Forgive others

Good fighter

Fear God

Stubborn

Born wealthy

A man after God's heart

Tall

Loves wisdom

Acknowledge mistakes

Impulsive

Listens to good advice

Very Important

Somewhat Important

Not Important

Family Discussion

1. What are the qualities people usually look for in a leader?
2. What are the qualities God look for in a leader for His people?
 - Of these qualities, what is the most important one? (Hint: what is the title of today's Family Worship?)
3. Why didn't God choose any of David brothers as king even though they looked more qualified and were trained soldiers?
4. What happened right after Samuel anointed David? Why was that important?

Now let's study the following:

1. What is a man after God's own heart like?
2. How did God train David in his early years?
3. How can we apply the above in our own lives?

David - A Man After God's Own Heart

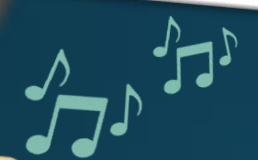


Referring to David, Samuel said, "The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people..." (1 Sam 13:14)

What is a person "after God's own heart" like?

- Loves what God loves and hates what God hates
- Seeks God's will as his/her own
- Delights in God and wants to be in God's presence
- Obeys God's word
- Has a humble and repenting spirit

Can you think of more?




Let's now look at the early training David had and how God trains all of us to serve Him

David's Early Training



David was just a young man, only in his teens, when God chose him to be king of Israel.

Some facts about David when he was growing up:

1. He had never been trained as a soldier for battle
2. He was only a shepherd tending his dad's flock
3. He learnt skills to defend against wild animals attacking his sheep
4. He played the lyre  well
5. He spoke well

Umm...Interesting. But was this the right kind of training a future king needed ???

Answer is yes! And this is why...

- David spent his early years using the sling, combating beasts, developing courage, caring for sheep and even making music. His courage came from his faith in God through learning and treasuring God's words.
- After Samuel anointed him as king, he put all this training into use - fighting Goliath, calming Saul with music, leading men into battles, etc.
- You see, as David was growing up, and without David's knowing, God was already training him. Later, God inspired David to use his fine skills in words and music to compose many beautiful Psalms in the Bible.



God Is Training You To Serve Him

- ❑ In the same way, God is training **YOU** to serve Him. God is training **YOU** through your study of His Word, your school work, music and sports practice, helping others, doing chores, etc.
- ❑ But God really wants your heart more than your skills and knowledge.
- ❑ So like David, let your heart follow God's own heart - and God will surely use you too!

Summary

1. God chose David to serve Him as king because David was after God's own heart.
2. Do you also want to be someone after God's own heart? This means loving what God loves, hating what God hates and delighting in God.
3. God trains us to serve Him through our study of His Word and our everyday work.

Jeremy Lin

Jeremy Lin is a Christian and a professional basketball player. He said,
"I trust Him to do what only He can do...and when its all said and done,
I want to say I did everything in my power to become who God wants me to be."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bg4gutuo7RM>



Family Prayer Time

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Him.
2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.
3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.

Be Thou My Vision

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jIMhshpfoY4>

