

GIANT KILLER

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Next to Jesus, David is the most developed and complex character in the Bible. The pages dedicated to telling David's story outnumber any other person except for Jesus. David was special because he had a special relationship with God. David didn't just know about God, David knew God. He had a close relationship with God, and he wanted to do everything the Lord asked him to do. David was a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:16-23).

In 1 Samuel 16, David is chosen.

1st – David is chosen to be the king of Israel.

Vs. 1-13

The Israelites wanted to be ruled by a king after the time of the judges (1 Samuel 8). So, God had His prophet Samuel anoint a man from the tribe of Benjamin named Saul to be Israel's king (1 Samuel 9). Saul was stronger than anyone else in Israel, so he was the best person to lead Israel to defeat their enemies. But, Saul sinned so much that God told Samuel to go to Bethlehem and anoint one of Jesse's sons as king.

Why did God choose David to be the king of Israel?

- David loved the Lord!

God chose David to be the king of Israel because He knew David loved Him and would do whatever He wanted him to do! See: John 14:15; 1 John 2:3-6

How much did David love God?

- David cherished the Lord.

In Psalm 18:1, David is telling the Lord, *"I love you so much God that I want to wrap my arms around you and cherish you."* David deeply loved the Lord because God had shown great love to David. David goes on in Psalm 18 and praises God for protecting him throughout his life. David calls God his rock, fortress, and savior. He says God is his shield, the power that saves him, and his place of safety.

2nd - David is chosen to serve in Saul's court.

Vs. 14-23

After David was chosen to be the next king of Israel, he was chosen to serve in the court of the man he was chosen to replace. Coincidence? No. The providence of God. The Lord arranged for David to serve Saul and carry his armor when he went out to battle.

Some questions you should ask yourself this week...

1. How much do you love God?
2. Do you regularly praise God for all He has done and is doing for you?
3. What has God chosen you to do with your life?