



Introduction

The anointing of Saul's successor, David.



Questions

1. Why does the LORD send Samuel to Jesse the Bethlehemite?
2. Why is the LORD's choice different from Samuel's?
3. When Saul loves David, in what two ways does David serve him?



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 5** Samuel is sent by the LORD to Bethlehem. He is told to invite Jesse and his sons to a sacrifice. The LORD will tell him which of Jesse's sons will be the next king
- **v 6 to 13** Samuel sees seven of Jesse's sons, but none are chosen. Samuel is told not to trust his own opinion. Jesse then sends for his youngest son David, who is looking after sheep. Samuel is told to anoint him
- **v 14 to 23** Saul becomes troubled in his mind. His servants suggest that a skilful harpist might help him. David is known to be a skilful player, so he is sent for and plays for Saul and makes him well

Timeline 1050 BC (see below)



Theme

Human ideas are not to be trusted

A selection of verses warning against trusting our own ideas.

Psalms 118 verses 8 and 9,

Psalms 146 verses 3 and 4

Proverbs 14 verse 12

Jeremiah 17 verses 5 and 6

Romans 12 verse 16

1 Corinthians 3 verse 18



Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 1, Q 2: v 7, Q 3: v 21 and 23



Bible timeline

