

AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART
1 Samuel 16 and 17

A. David is not the main character

1. A common mistake when reading the Bible
2. The Bible is not a book about good human beings
3. God is the goal of every biblical narrative

B. Saul was the people's choice

1. The people of Israel asked for a king like the other nations. (**1 Samuel 8:4-7**)
2. Saul's characteristics were appealing to the human eye (**1 Samuel 10:23-24**)
3. God had a plan in choosing Saul as the first king (**1 Samuel 12:19-20**)

C. David was God's choice

1. Being after God's own heart speaks more about God than about David (**1 Samuel 13:14**)
2. God rejected Saul and chose someone else as king of Israel (**1 Samuel 16:1**)
3. God looks on the heart, man looks on the outward appearance (**1 Samuel 16:6-7**)

D. David and Saul

1. David entered the royal court and played for Saul (**1 Samuel 16:21-23**)
2. Why did Saul not recognize David? (**1 Samuel 17:55**)
 - These are two independent traditions
 - The stories were not arranged in chronological order
 - With all the business of court life Saul forgot David
 - Saul's mental state was affected by his disobedience

E. David's identity

1. David knows who God is (**1 Samuel 17:26**)
2. David knows who he is (**1 Samuel 17:28-29**)
3. David knows who the enemy is (**1 Samuel 17:45**)