

## I. Introduction to David

- A. **Saul has been rejected by God although he continues as king**
- B. **Samuel anoints David**
  - 1. David is the youngest son of Jesse
    - a. Probably about 15 years old
    - b. Already has a walk with God
  - 2. Choice is surprising even to Samuel
  - 3. Immediately the Spirit of God leaves Saul and fills David
    - a. Saul has the position of the king
    - b. David has the blessings of the king

## II. David's Walk

- A. **Little is known as to how he came into the relationship with God**
- B. **David's testimony – Psalm 27**
  - 1. *One thing I have asked of the Lord, that I shall seek. (Psalm 27:4)*
  - 2. *When you said, "Seek my face." My heart said to you, Your face, O Lord, I shall seek. (27:8)*
    - a. The opportunity was by the grace of God
    - b. The experience was by the choice of David
- C. **Place of growth was in the fields with the sheep**
  - 1. Unwanted place
  - 2. Unheralded place
  - 3. God's schoolhouse for David was when David was alone with the sheep

## III. David's Opportunity – Challenge of Goliath

- A. **Israel and Philistia were again in battle**

### Assignment:

*Continue reading in the last section of 1 Samuel. Why did God allow David to undergo so much hardship? How is the anointing of God evident in his experience?*

**B. Goliath challenged Israel to a contest**

1. Goliath was very large
2. Goliath was a proven warrior

**C. David came to camp at his fathers direction to deliver food****D. Basic attitudes expressed:**

1. Soldiers in general were not willing, despite the enormous reward
2. Eliab was embarrassed by David's knowledge of the situation
3. Saul was not willing to lead

**E. David's attitude:**

1. *Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should taunt the armies of the living God?* (1 Samuel 17:26)
2. Attitude arises from two sources
  - a. David knew God personally
  - b. David had the anointing of God
3. Conclusion – *David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail on account of him; your servant will go and fight with the Philistine. (17:32)*

**F. Saul's response to David:**

1. May the Lord be with you
2. Take my armor

**G. David's plan:**

1. God will deliver
2. He uses the tools he had proven – a sling and stone