

**Lesson 6**  
David's Early Life  
( 1 Samuel 16:1 – 18:30 )

**Questions**

1. Why did Samuel go to Beth-lehem (16:1-5)?
  
2. Who did Samuel anoint to be the next king (16:6-13)?
  
3. What troubled Saul and what solution was found for his problem (16:14-23)?
  
4. Who did Saul and his army fight and how was their champion described (17:1-11)?
  
5. Why did David go to see his brothers who were fighting, what did he hear, and what did he ask (17:12-27)?
  
6. What was David accused of by his eldest brother and how did David respond to him (17:28-30)?
  
7. How did David respond to Saul about going into battle against Goliath that showed his experience, his courage, and his faith in the Lord (17:31-37)?
  
8. What did David take with him into battle (17:38-40)?
  
9. What did David say to Goliath on the battle field that showed David's faith was in the Lord for the victory (17:41-49)?

10. What did David do to Goliath after he killed him (17:50-54)?
11. What did Saul want to know concerning David (17:55-58)?
12. What relationship did David have with Jonathan and what did Saul do for David (18:1-5)?
13. What did the women do when David returned from the battle with the Philistines and how did Saul react (18:6-9)?
14. What did Saul attempt to do to David and what happened to David (18:10-16)?
15. Who did Saul give to David to be his wife and why (18:17-21; see also 17:25)?
16. What did Saul request of David for Michal and why (18:22-29)?
17. What became of David (18:30)?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. Locate the following on a map: Beth-lehem (16:1, 4), Socoh, Azekah, and Ephesdammim (17:1), the vale of Elah (17:2, 19), Ephratha (17:12), Gai, Ekron, Sha-a-raim, and Gath (17:4, 52).
2. Why would God send an evil spirit to trouble Saul (16:14-16; 18:10; 19:9)? How could Saul be under the influence of an evil spirit and still prophesy (18:10)?

3. What did David write in Psalm 23 that showed he had experience being a shepherd (17:15)? What did David write in Psalm 8 and Psalm 19 that could have come from his experiences as a shepherd?
4. Why would Saul not know who David's father was (17:55-58; compare 16:18-22)?

### **Applications for Today**

1. The Lord does not see as man sees. He looks on the heart of mankind, not the outward appearance (16:7; 1 Tim. 2:9-10; 1 Pet. 3:3-6).
2. Like David, young people today need to be skilled, mighty, and prudent in serving the Lord (16:18; 1 Tim. 4:12; Tit. 2:4-8).
3. The Lord is with all those who obey him (16:18; 18:14, 28; Gen. 39:2, 23).
4. It is the mature man (Goliath's "give me a man") who can truly fight for the Lord (17:10; 1 Cor. 16:13).
5. We must always remember what the cause is in our battles for the Lord (17:29 [see the KJV, ASV]; 1 Tim. 1:18; 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:7)?
6. Don't let anyone despise your youth and discourage you from fighting. Even young people can fight well for the Lord (17:33, 42, 55; 1 Tim. 4:12).
7. We must have faith in the Lord that he will deliver us in our battles (17:37; Prov. 21:31).
8. Don't try to fight a battle with something you are not experienced using (17:38-40; Eph. 6:10-18).
9. It is good to have a close friend whom you love like your own soul to make it through the trials of life (18:1-4; Prov. 17:17; 27:9, 17).
10. Behave wisely and you will be greatly rewarded by the Lord (18:5, 14-15, 30; Psa. 101:2).
11. Unnecessary envy and jealousy toward another's success can cause one to have anger, fear, resentment and revenge toward another (18:8-29; Gal. 5:21, 26; 1 Tim. 6:4; Tit. 3:3).