

University Heights Baptist Church

Ambassador's Class.
Loving, Growing, Sharing

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Andy on Life

INTRODUCTION

When have you been surprised about your first impression of someone?

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION

Read 1 Sam 9:1-2; 15-17; 10:5-7; 17-24

1. How did Saul stand out compared to others? What would you say about Saul's character?
2. Why did Samuel (God) pick Saul?
3. How did God prepare Samuel and Saul?

Read 1 Sam 17:32-37; 45-47

4. How did David compare to Goliath?
5. How had God prepared David?
6. How does the world compare character and appearance? Why?
7. What makes Susan Broyles and the recent Korean singer so attractive?

APPLICATION

How are you enjoying the plan God has for your life?

Through David God had presented additional testimony to his presence among his people. David's meteoric rise to prominence and power in Israel—being taken “from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel” (v. 8)—was compelling evidence of the Lord's presence. The Lord himself had brought David from the pasture; the Lord had made David ruler; the Lord had “been with” (v. 9) David wherever he had gone; and it was the Lord who had “cut off all” David's “enemies from before” him.

David did not need to construct an impressive but lifeless building in which the Lord could dwell; the Lord had already constructed an impressive living building in which to dwell, and that edifice was the life of David. Though the ark resided in a lifeless tent of skin, in a very real sense the Lord resided in the living tent of David.⁶⁶ And the Lord was not finished adorning his earthly dwelling place; he would make David's “name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth”—a covenantal promise not made by the Lord to an individual since the days of Abraham (cf. Gen 12:2).¹

⁶⁶ Later Yahwistic prophets referred to the Davidic dynasty as the “tent of David” (cf. Isa 16:5; Amos 9:11; Acts 15:16); the metaphor is appropriate to this passage (2 Samuel 7:8-11).

¹ Bergen, R. D. (2001). *Vol. 7: 1, 2 Samuel* (electronic ed.). Logos Library System; The New American Commentary (339). Nashville: Broadman & Holman Publishers.