**1 Samuel 16**

**MAIN IDEA: When we allow our insecurities to grow, they cause us to**

**value man’s approval over God’s…and that brings a price.**

1. **David’s selection is the reverse of Saul’s vv. 1,6-12**

**Interlude: The Work of the Holy Spirit**

 **A. In the OT, the Holy Spirit’s indwelling was not permanent**

* **Num. 11:14-17; 24-29 - Every believer in the OT did not have the Spirit (cf. Jn. 14:16-17).**
* **In the NT, all believers have the permanent indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Jn. 7:37-39, 14:16-17; Rom. 8:9; 1 Cor. 12:12-13; Eph. 1:13-14)**
* **In the OT, the Spirit empowered people for service (e.g., prophets, kings, even craftsmen - Ex. 35:30f.)**

**B. When David was anointed king, the Spirit came upon him and left Saul (1 Sam.**

 **16:13-14). There is no indication that this is related to either man’s salvation.**

**C. Saul lost the kingdom due to his sin (1 Sam. 16:13-14; 15:26-28). When David**

 **sinned with Bathsheba, he was concerned the same thing would happen to him**

 **(Ps. 51:1, 11).**

**D. In the New Testament, the Spirit plays many important roles for us.**

* **He permanently indwells us.**
* **He prays for us, “translating” our prayers.**
* **He empowers us to experience life, live righteously, and gain eternal reward.**

**Back to notes on 1 Samuel 16**

1. **Saul’s character gradually declines as he moves away from the Lord**
2. **God is in control, no matter what afflicts us**

**4. Properly used, the arts, like music here, can be a source of comfort and**

 **connection with truth – 16:17-23 They also need to be properly grounded.**

**5. God prepares us uniquely and individually (shepherding, playing the harp??!!)**

 **- 16:11, 16-18. God sees things in us others do not.**

**6. God rounds out our training to serve him. David ends up in a palace before**

 **he’s king – 16:19-23**

**7. The difference between David and Saul can be summed up in the word**

 **“obedience”. Obedient people are teachable. Are we obedient? Are we**

 **teachable?**