

THE POWER OF THE LORD'S PRESENCE

1 Samuel 16:14–23

In 1 Samuel 16, a kingdom teeters between turmoil and peace. Saul still sits on the throne, a king who seems strong, capable, and in control—but the Spirit of the Lord has departed from him. Fear replaces faith, and his world begins to unravel. At the same time, a young shepherd named David, unnoticed by most, is quietly anointed and filled with God's Spirit. Where Saul falters, David brings relief and calm—not because of his skill, his appearance, or his position, but because the presence of God rests upon him. This passage challenges readers to ask: where is true stability found? What gives life, clarity, and peace in the midst of chaos? It reveals that the presence of God—not power, titles, or human strength—determines the fate of hearts, lives, and even kingdoms.

The Decline of Saul

16:14–18

The Arrival of David

16:17–23; cf. 16:13

Seek the Lord's Presence!