

## MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

July 19, 2020 ~ 9:00 AM

In the Sanctuary or Parking Area

Message: "Solomon- the Poor Rich Man"

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### DAVID – A MAN LIKE YOU AND ME

1 Samuel 16 - 1 Kings 2-11

"Be strong and act like a man. Observe what the Lord your God requires / Do this so you will prosper in all you do / and so God will keep His promises." (1 Kings 2:2-4)

When David was dying at age 70, he told his son, Solomon, he would replace him as king; and said, "like everybody else, I am going to die". Then he challenged him to *obey* God's commands in the Bible and to *trust* God to keep His promises. Do this, he said, and you will prosper – have a good life. "Trust" and "Obey" – this is the essence of the Christian life.

David was a powerful military leader and a king, so how can we say he is just like us? It is because the CEO of a huge corporation has the same needs and desires, successes and defeats, joys and sorrows, as the janitor who cleans his building. He has the same needs - food, clothing, shelter, someone to love, someone who loves us, a purpose in life and a clean conscience, so we won't live being ashamed of ourselves

Chapter one of David's life is a **Shepherd Boy** who has a personal walk with God. He is Israel's *future deliverer*. King Saul failed to serve God and the Prophet Samuel was grieved. He had every right to be. The nation was in trouble. The Philistines were swarming in from time to time to rob and kill, and were on the verge of taking the land.

God told His prophet to stop grieving, because He had already chosen their future king, the one who would help Israel.

Those of us who are worried about "Covid-19" and the racial tension that is changing the face of America, should be concerned but not afraid. God sees what is going on in our world and He has the answers and provisions we need. God is in our future and His answer, I believe, is our young Americans

David was also a *forgotten boy*. God sent Samuel to a man named Jesse, who lived near Bethlehem; and told him to anoint one of his sons as king. Jesse had seven sons come before Samuel and God did not lead him to anoint any of them. Some looked like kings to Samuel but God told him, people look at outward appearances, but God looks at the heart.

Samuel, confused, asked Jesse if he had any more sons; then he remembered his youngest, David, keeping sheep in the hills. He was sent for, was anointed by Samuel, and the Bible says, "The Spirit came on him and never left him."

David was not the "pick" of the litter, in fact, his father forgot he was *in* the litter. David was a success in spite of this. Far too many, today, blame circumstances for their failures as human beings. One says I am the way I am because my mother smothered me with love. Another says I am the way I am because my mother never showed any love towards me.

We will never succeed in life until we stop blaming everything and everybody for our bad behavior and take responsibility for our actions.

"Passing the Buck" is as old as Adam and Eve. After they disobeyed God and were frightened and ashamed (Genesis 3), God said, "Adam, what have you done"? And Adam said, "The **WOMAN**". He was blaming her. But then he added, "The woman **YOU** gave me." He was blaming God.

When it comes to our relationship with Christianity, we make a lot of excuses – hypocrites in the church; parents who made us go to church; parents with no interest in church; etc... but God says on the Day of Judgment, there will be "no excuse" that He will accept.