

Aug 23rd 2009: The Signs of the Spirit: 1 Sam 16:13 and Psalm 23

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power.

Verse 13 from 1 Sam chapter 16 is just one verse out of 23....yet the implication of for David.....for the whole nation.....**was life changing**

Samuel under the direction of God....has chosen David to be the future king
And in the presence of his family.....he pours upon his head the holy oil of

NOW As far as his brothers.....I would imagine they saw little merit in the anointing
No doubt...still smarting from their demotion.....They probably derided

But we are told that there was something great happening....not immed obvious
Something that is known well by believers today
Because we read....that from that point of time onwards.....the Spirit====in power

It's amazing to realize.....that this anointing of the HS.....is what happened to ...Pentecost
For them it was a fulfillment of a promise that Jesus had made....when He said....**Acts 1:8**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

And it is this same anointing....that has come upon all who have chosen...to receive Jesus as
We share with David.....the awesome experience....of the Spirit

For David it was given so that he could be God's anointed king for God's chosen people
For us....given....so that we....the church.....will be witnesses to Jesus as alive and working..

And both with David then....Christians now....it is accepted that
.....the signs of the Spirit at work.will be apparent

(Just before I went away.....I put some fertilizer on front lawn....Be very disappointed if I returned to find no obvious sign of that making a difference)

When we look at David's life...we indeed see signs of the Spirit at work in him

Indeed....in the very next verse we are introduced to a situation....where God allowed King Saul.....who had turned away from God.....to be disturbed greatly by an evil spirit
That tormented his mind....tortured his soul

It's interesting to note...not advised to seek God in repentance.....but to find peace thru music

Yet this is the opportunity God uses.....to reveal the signs of the Spirit at work in David-v23

One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the harp. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the LORD is with him."

- **Here we see what musical ability can do**....when enhanced by the Spirit
It became a powerful instrument.....that brought relief to Saul's tormented soul

It didn't lead to Saul's repentance and return.....**Indeed**....the use of this ability by David put him in the place of ultimate danger.....on the day when Saul threw his spear at him

But we do see the Sign of the Spirit at work....in the result of David's playing
For verse 23 says....

Whenever the spirit from God came upon Saul, David would take his harp and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

You believers here today who are musicians.....**are** the signs of the Spirit at work....seen in-- playing...singing...**BECAUSE** you have given that part of who you are...over to Him?

Then just a little later....we see God once again...arranging a situation....where the Signs of **will** once again be manifest...for all to see....in his servant

Goliath stands forth as the enemy of God....and just at the time he struts out to do his stuff
David happens to be present....delivering provisions

Once again we see manifested in David.....the power of God's Spirit revealed in the courageous trust He has in God to defeat the giant

Any fear he may have felt.....was completely overcome....by Spirit that was upon him

- **David would** have said a hearty amen to Paul's comments to Timothy in 2Tim 1:7
God's Spirit doesn't make cowards out of us. The Spirit gives us power, love, and self-control. (Contemporary English Version)

I sometimes find myself thinking.....But I could never do that

Yet then I realize....that if God has called me to do it...I need not fear....because it's the Spirit

***Read what I have written in the Participaper about walking on—
Meeting Goliath was 4 David a walking on the water type experience***

(McManus and his church site....)

The really major area though....where the Signs of The Spirit are truly seen...in David
is the Psalms he wrote.....and most scholars see Psalm 23...as one he wrote during early

In that Psalmthe signs of the Spirit in the life of David are clearly seen:-

- **First: In his PERSONAL relationship with God**

The Lord is My Shepherd.....Not Israel's.....Not the Priest's.....Not his father's.....**But His**

Do you need to be reminded today...Lord is your Shepherd....**your Father ?**

**Paul tells us in Romans 8:16....that such is what the Spirit does:
He bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God**

And one sign of the Spirit in us...is that others notice that we have a Personal Relationship

(Last Sunday.....I could tell that he(the singer) knew God)

- **Second: In his PERCEPTION of God's hand on his life.**

He makes me to lie down....David says

At the times that I need it but may not necessarily want it...**Or** when I both want and need

He leads me....I look back and I can see how His hand has been upon my life...
how I have responded to Him

He guides me.....helps me to make the right decisions.....**Turns** me away from the wrong
As I have relied on Him....so He has taken control...**David** looks.... perceives this to be true

Are you aware of that being true for you too ?

- **Third: In his PERSISTENT Faith**

Even tho I walk through the valley of the shadow of death....**MEANS**→of deep darkness

I will still have faith in Him being there for me....**I will still** remain faithful
What a sign of the Spirit's presence.....What a testimony to others that is

- **Finally: in his POSITIVE trust.....**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord ...forever

The assurance of being with the Lord in glory.....**Is a massive** Sign of the Spirit's presence
.....and once we start to move away....To miss worship....prayer and study

It's that Spirit and Scripturally fueled assurance.....that the evil begins to eat away

Do you have the assurance....that one day you will be with the Lord in glory....
Not because of any goodness in you....but because you have received forgiveness...salvation
..a free gift of God's Grace

How sad to face death without such an assurance.....

How foolish to do so.....when such an assurance is so freely available

(Claude Monet.....exhibition in Melbourne)

It's so vital that you have it.....for one never knows when this life will end
And the Scripture promises....that the Lord will return.....time....least expect it

Such are the Signs of the Spirit's presence seen in David.....Are they seen in us
For God desire is to empower us...so that others will know that Jesus lives...and be drawn

And there is no reason why these signs.....shouldn't be evident in our lives this week

So let us be challenged....to ask God right now.....to show to others in some way this week

- **The truth of our Personal relationship** with Him
- **The strong perception** we have of His control over our lives
- **A Faith in Him that Persists** whatever life throws at us
- **And a Positive trust** in our eternal future with Him in glory.

