

*“David: The Early Years” – Message #2*

## Music For A Madman

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TEXT: 1 Samuel 16:14-23

**LETTER A:** When God gets ready to \_\_\_\_\_ a man, He isn't bound by purely \_\_\_\_\_ considerations.

**DOCTRINE OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE:** God is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ us no matter where we are, and He is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ us in the place where we can be most \_\_\_\_\_ for Him.

### **1 Samuel 16:14**

**14** *But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the Lord troubled him.*

**LETTER B:** The Spirit of God \_\_\_\_\_ from Saul because of his \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

### **John 14:17**

**17** *But ye know him [the Holy Spirit], for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

LETTER C: Saul had become a \_\_\_\_\_. He had begun to go \_\_\_\_\_ . He was slowly \_\_\_\_\_ his mind. Not simply because an evil spirit had \_\_\_\_\_, but because Saul had \_\_\_\_\_ to the evil already \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Samuel 16:15-16**

*15 And Saul's servants said to him, Surely, a distressing spirit from God is troubling you.*

*16 Let our master now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp. And it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well.*

**1 Samuel 16:17**

*17 So Saul said to his servants, Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me.*

**1 Samuel 16:18**

*18 Then one of the servants answered and said, Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the Lord is with him.*

LETTER D: Somebody was \_\_\_\_\_ David \_\_\_\_\_ the time he was out in the field.

**Psalm 75:6-7**

**6** *For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.*

**7** *But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.*  
(KJV)

### **Proverbs 22:29**

**29** *Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.* (KJV)

**LETTER E: God has \_\_\_\_\_ to bring David to Saul's court—  
something that could \_\_\_\_\_ happen without \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.**

### **1 Samuel 16:18-23**

**18** *Then one of the servants answered and said, Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the Lord is with him.*

**19** *Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, Send me your son David, who is with the sheep.*

**20** *And Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent them by his son David to Saul.*

**21** *So David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer.*

**22** *Then Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Please let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight.*

**23** *And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.*

**LETTER F:** There may be no greater \_\_\_\_\_ than this: “Am I willing to \_\_\_\_\_ under someone who is \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ as I am?”

**LETTER G:** David learned that to \_\_\_\_\_ others, he must first learn to \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Samuel 16:23**

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**LETTER H:** Good \_\_\_\_\_ does all three things for us. It helps us \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**PRINCIPLE OF PROVIDENCE :** Providence is the “\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of God.” It literally means that God is \_\_\_\_\_ for his children.