

## **The Story, chapter 11 (excerpts from 1 Samuel 16 and 2 Samuel 6-7)**

*Saul, the first king of Israel, fell from God's favor. God sent word to the prophet Samuel.*

**16** The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

<sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." <sup>12</sup> So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." <sup>13</sup> 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 powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah. (1 Samuel 16:1,11-13)

*Some years later, David became king. David wanted to honor God by building a temple. But God promises instead to build David's family into a house that will endure forever.*

### **God's Promise to David**

**7** After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup> he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."

<sup>3</sup> Nathan replied to the king, "Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you."

<sup>4</sup> But that night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying:...

<sup>8</sup> "Now then, tell my servant David, ...

"The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: <sup>12</sup> When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom ... <sup>15</sup> But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. (2 Samuel 7:1-4, 8, 11-12, 15)