

## Thematic Parallels Between King David and King Saul

The parallels reinforce God's rejection of Saul and choosing of David.

1. Both anointed at or after a sacrifice hosted by Samuel.

Saul – 9:19—10:1

David – 16:1-13

2. Neither expected to be anointed.

3. Both were unlikely candidates.

Saul – from the smallest tribe

David – was the smallest (youngest) son

4. Both were striking in appearance (in different ways).

Saul – 9:2

David – 16:12

5. Both anointings were private or semi-private.

Saul – Only between him and Samuel (9:27—10:1)

David – Only his brothers are mentioned as being present (16:13)

6. Both were designated by the Lord's word to Samuel.

Saul – “This is the man...” (9:17)

David – “This is he” (16:12)

7. The Spirit of God rushed upon both men.

Saul – 10:10

David – 16:13

God's rejection of Saul is further emphasized when the Spirit fills David (16:13) and leaves Saul (16:14).