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(2) And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear *it*, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.

(3) And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me *him* whom I name unto thee.

(4) And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

(5) And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

(6) And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed *is* before him.

(7) But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

(8) Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

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(4) And Samuel did that which the LORD {Jehovah} spoke, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Do you come peaceably?

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(7) But the LORD {Jehovah} said to Samuel, Do not look on his appearance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: because *the LORD {Jehovah} does not see* as man sees; because man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD {Jehovah} looks on the heart.

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(10) Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

(11) And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

(12) And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, *and* withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

(13) Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

(14) But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

(15) And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee.

(16) Let our lord now command thy servants, *which are* before thee, to seek out a man, *who is* a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.

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(12) And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* handsome, *and* beautiful in appearance, and pleasing to look at. And the LORD {Jehovah} said, **Arise, anoint him: because this is he.**

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(18) Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, *that is* cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD *is* with him.

(19) Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which *is* with the sheep.

(20) And Jesse took an ass *laden* with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent *them* by David his son unto Saul.

(21) And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.

(22) And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.

(23) And it came to pass, when the *evil* spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

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

(20) And Jesse took a donkey *loaded* with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid {goat}, and sent *them* by David his son to Saul.

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