

# ***When God Does a New Thing***

*1 Samuel 16:1-23*

**Main Idea:** After Saul's rejection as King, God begins to do a new thing in the nation of Israel. He picks a new king, a man after his own heart, a man who will shepherd Israel with humble power. This story shows us what typically happens when God does a new work in the life of an individual or a church.

- 1. WHEN GOD DOES A NEW THING...it typically happens in a context of painful insecurity. *1 Samuel 16:1-5***
  - A. An individual – Samuel experiences pain. 16:1-3
  - B. A group – The people of Bethlehem experience fear. 16:4-5
  - C. A principle – God is going to call us into new works. And they're not going to be easy.
  
- 2. WHEN GOD DOES A NEW THING...it requires a different way of seeing life. *1 Samuel 16:6-13***
  - A. First...it requires looking past the externals. 16:6-11a
  - B. Second...it requires thinking about personal significance differently. 16:11b
  - C. Third...it requires time to wait on God and listen to His voice. 16:11c-12
  - D. Fourth...it requires dependence on the Holy Spirit. 16:13
  
- 3. WHEN GOD DOES A NEW THING...He begins in a surprisingly humble yet powerful way. *1 Samuel 16:14-22***
  - A. Saul's problem. 16:14-19
  - B. David's service. 16:20-22
  - C. God's power – David's service is extremely effective. 16:21, 22, 23
  - D. Our power – When God does a new thing, we are going to sense his power from the very beginning.