

Young David Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Is it surprising that the elderly prophet, Samuel, was about to make the choice of anointing the next king based on outward appearance?

Can we depend on our experience in making decisions without consulting the LORD?

What would have been the usual preparation for young man destined to be king?

Might it have seemed to have been a waste of time to keep David with the flocks?

What was the LORD doing by placing David in the palace serving the man he would replace?

When David brought supplies to his brothers while they were mustered with Saul's army, what were they likely feeling?

Was it naïve and immature for David to focus on the fact that Goliath was insulting the LORD God of Israel?

Should the idealism of youth be suppressed?

Would Saul's confusion about who David was be a concern for his advisors?

What factors bonded Jonathan with David?

Does adversity sometimes enhance a friendship?

Would it have been easy for David to claim self-defense to kill Saul when he had a chance to do it?

What restrained him?

How did all these situations influence David's character development?

How did it influence his artistic expression?

How does the LORD demonstrate that a victory does not come by human planning or strength?

How can we explain "an evil spirit from the LORD"?

What are we taught by the friendship of Jonathan and David?

Might David have been suspicious of him as a legitimate rival?

How did that affect David's reign as king?