

**Romans 12:1–2 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

**1 Samuel 2:26 (NKJV)** And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the Lord and men.

**1 Samuel 8:4–5 (CSB)** <sup>4</sup> So all the elders of Israel gathered together and went to Samuel at Ramah. <sup>5</sup> They said to him, “Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Therefore, appoint a king to judge us the same as all the other nations have.”

**1 Samuel 8:7 (NIV)** And the Lord told him: “Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.

**1 Samuel 8:19–20 (NIV)** <sup>19</sup> But the people refused to listen to Samuel. “No!” they said. “We want a king over us. <sup>20</sup> Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.”

**1 Samuel 16:1 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup> Now the LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons.”

**1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT)** But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

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**1 Samuel 16:11–12 (NLT)** <sup>11</sup> Then Samuel asked, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse replied. “But he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.” “Send for him at once,” Samuel said. “We will not sit down to eat until he arrives.” <sup>12</sup> So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes. And the Lord said, “This is the one; anoint him.”

**1 Samuel 16:13 (NLT)** So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. **And the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on.** Then Samuel returned to Ramah.

### **Psalm 22:6–8 (NLT)**

<sup>6</sup> But I am a worm and not a man.  
I am scorned and despised by all!  
<sup>7</sup> Everyone who sees me mocks me.  
They sneer and shake their heads, saying,  
<sup>8</sup> “Is this the one who relies on the Lord?  
Then let the Lord save him!  
If the Lord loves him so much,  
let the Lord rescue him!”

### **Psalm 78:70–72 (NKJV)**

<sup>70</sup> He also chose David His servant,  
And took him from the sheepfolds;  
<sup>71</sup> From following the ewes that had young He brought him,  
To shepherd Jacob His people,  
And Israel His inheritance.  
<sup>72</sup> So he shepherded them **according to the integrity of his heart,**  
And guided them by the skillfulness of his hands.

**1 Kings 15:5 (NLT)** For David had done what was pleasing in the Lord’s sight and had obeyed the Lord’s commands throughout his life . . .

**1 Kings 15:5 (NLT)** For David had done what was pleasing in the Lord's sight and had obeyed the Lord's commands throughout his life, **except in the affair concerning Uriah the Hittite.**

Your enemy will defeat you in your thought life.

**2 Samuel 11:11 (CSB)** Uriah answered David, "The ark, Israel, and Judah are dwelling in tents, and my master Joab and his soldiers are camping in the open field. How can I enter my house to eat and drink and sleep with my wife? As surely as you live and by your life, I will not do this!"

Sin will take you farther than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay.

**2 Samuel 11:15 (CSB)** In the letter he wrote: Put Uriah at the front of the fiercest fighting, then withdraw from him so that he is struck down and dies.

**2 Samuel 12:13 (NLT)** Then David confessed to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." . . .

**Micah 7:19 (NIV)** You will again have compassion on us;  
you will tread our sins underfoot  
and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.