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AN ANOINTED SLINGSHOT

He had been taking care of his father's sheep for quite a while. His older brothers were soldiers in King Saul's army. He had made a slingshot and warded off a bear and a lion. He kept his slingshot with him at all times, just in case there was an enemy of the sheep. He took his job seriously. He was proficient in the natural. No one would harm them if he had anything to do with it.

One day he was called in from the sheepfold and met a prophet by the name of Samuel. Samuel had been sent by God to anoint David. Although David was young, he was God's choice. In I Samuel 16:13 it tells us, ***"Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him the LORD came upon David from that day forward..."***

I find the next verse very interesting. While the spirit of God came on David, things happened to Saul at the same time. In verse 14 it says, ***"But the spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him."*** His servants saw what had happened. He wasn't the same person once the evil spirit came and troubled him.

David wasn't just a tender of the sheep, he also played the harp. He had so many gifts because he loved God and God had blessed him. He is sent for to play the harp in the room with Saul. It wasn't the harp that calmed Saul, it was the anointing on David when he played the harp. Once David played, Saul was refreshed from the evil spirit.

You see, the anointing on David overcame the demonic presence in Saul. Saul had known that anointing, but his sin caused him to lose it. You could say that one sought God and the other was only interested in himself.

Then came the day with Goliath. Everyone was in a state of despair. Their king no longer had an anointing, and they weren't certain what to do. David shows up and asked "what is going on" and his brothers mocked him. You see, they were jealous that he was chosen and anointed by God and they weren't. David didn't let it bother him. He was determined to see this enemy put down. David knew God, but now he knew he was anointed to take out the enemy. He had his slingshot in hand and knew how to use it. Was it the slingshot that took down Goliath? In the natural you would say yes, but it was more than just an ordinary slingshot. It was an anointed slingshot in the hands of an anointed young man that took Goliath down.

Never underestimate what God can do through you when you are willing and obedient to be used. We have access to the anointing every day when we walk in the Spirit. Those that are anointed can take out giants too, just like David. Remember it is the anointing that destroys the yoke and removes the burden whether it be with a harp, a slingshot, or anything else God wants you to use.