¹And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.²And 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. 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. 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? 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. And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before him. 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. Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. 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?

ُ فَقَالَ الرَّبُّ لِصَمُوئِيلَ، حَتَّى مَتَى تَنُوحُ عَلَى شَاوُلَ، وَأَنَا قَدْ رَفَضْتُهُ عَنْ أَنْ يَمْلِكَ عَلَى إِسْرَائِيلَ. إِمْلاً قَرْنَكَ دُهْناً وَتَعَالَ أَرْسِلْكَ إِلَى بَسِّي الْيَنْتَلَخُمِيِّ، لأَبِّي قَدْ رَأَنْتُ لِي في تَنبه مَلكاً. ُفَقَالَ صَمُونيلُ، كَيْفَ أَذْهَتُ. إِنْ سَمِعَ شَاوُلُ يَقْتُلُنِي. فَقَالَ الرَّبُّ، خُذْ بِيَدكَ عِجْلَةً مِنَ الْبَقَرِ وَقُلْ، قَدْ جِئْتُ لأَذْبَحَ لِلرَّبِّ ِ. ۚ وَادْعُ يَسَّى إِلَى الذِّبِيحَةِ، وَأَنَا أَعَلَمُكَ مَاذَا تَصْنَعُ. وَامْسَحْ لِيَ الَّذِي أَقُولُ لَكَ عَنْهُ. ۚ فَفَعَلَ صَمُوئِيلُ كَمَا تَكَلَّمَ الرَّبُّ وَجَاءَ إِلَى بَيْت لَحْمٍ. فَارْتَعَدَ شُيُوخُ الْمَدِينَةِ عِنْدَ اسْتَقْبَالِهِ وَقَالُوا، أَسَلاَمٌ مَجيئُكَ. ۚفَقَالَ، سَلاَمٌ. قَدْ جِئْتُ لأَذْبَحَ لِلرَّبِّ. تَقَدَّ وَتَعَالَوْا مَعِي إِلَى الذَّبِيحَةِ. وَقَدَّسَ يَسَّى وَيَنِيهِ وَدَعَاهُمْ إِلَى الذَّبِيحَةِ. ُ وَكَانَ لَمَّا جَاءُوا أَنَّهُ رَأَى أَلِيآتِ، فَقَالَ، إِنَّ أَمَامَ الرَّابِّ مَسيحَهُ. ۖ فَقَالَ الرَّبُّ لِصَمُونِيلَ، لاَ تَنْظُرْ إِلَى مَنْظَرِه وَطُول قَامَتِه لأَنِّي قَدْ رَفَضْتُهُ. لأَنَّهُ لَيْسَ يَنْظَرُ الإِنْسَانُ. لأنَّ الإِنْسَانَ يَنْظُرُ إِلَى الْعَيْنَيْنِ، وَأُمَّا الرَّبُّ فَانَّهُ يَنْظُرُ الَى الْقَلْبِ. 8فَدَعَا يَسَّى أَسْادَاتَ وَعَيَّرَهُ أَمَامَ صَمُونِيلَ، فَقَالَ، وَهَذَا أَيْضاً لَمْ يَخْتَرْهُ الرَّبُّ. وَعَيَّرَ ىَسَّى شَمَّةَ، فَقَالَ، وَهَذَا أَيْضاً لَمْ يَخْتَرْهُ الرَّكُّ.10وَعَيَّرَ يَسَّى بَنِيهِ السَّبْعَةَ أَمَامَ صَمُوئِيلَ، فَقَالَ صَمُوئِيلُ لِيَسَّى، الرَّبُّ لَمْ يَخْتَرْ هَؤُلاَءِ. أَوَقَالَ صَمُونِيلُ لِيَسَّى، هَلْ كَمَلَ الْغِلْمَانُ. فَقَالَ، بَقِيَ بَعْدُ الصَّغِيرُ وَهُوَذَا يَرْعَى الْغَنَمَ. فَقَالَ صَمُوئِيلُ لِيَسَّى، أَرْسِلْ وَأَتِ بِهِ، لأَنَّنَا لاَ نَجْلِسُ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ إِلَى هَهُنَا.¹²فَأَرْسَلَ وَأَتَى بِهِ. وَكَانَ أَشْقَرَ مَعَ حَلاَوَةِ الْعَسْنَ وَحَسَنَ الْمَنْظَرِ. فَقَالَ الرَّبُّ، قُم امْسَحْهُ لأَنَّ هَذَا هُوَ.¹³َفَأَخَذَ صَمُوئِيلُ قَرْنَ الدُّهْنِ وَمَسَحَهُ ِفِي وَسَطِ إِخْوَتِهِ. وَحَلَّ رُوحُ الرَّبِّ عَلَى دَاوُدَ مِنْ ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ فَصَاعِداً. ثُمَّ قَامَ صَمُوئِيلُ وَذَهَبَ إِلَى الرَّامَةِ. ¹⁴وَذَهَبَ رُوحُ الرَّبِّ مِنْ عِنْدِ شَاوُلَ، وَبَغَتَهُ رُوحٌ رَدِيءٌ مِنْ قِبَل الرَّابِّ.15 فَقَالَ عَبِيدُ شَاوُلَ لَهُ، هُوَذَا رُوحٌ رَدِيءٌ مِنْ قِبَل اللَّه ىَا عَتُكَ. 16 فَلْيَأْمُرْ سَيِّدُنَا عَبِيدَهُ قُدَّامَهُ أَنْ يُفَتِّشُوا عَلَى رَجُل يُحْسِنُ الضَّرْبَ بِالْعُودِ. وَيَكُونُ إِذَا كَانَ عَلَيْكَ الرُّوحُ الرَّدِيءُ مِنْ قِبَلِ اللَّهِ أَنَّهُ يَضْرِبُ بِيَدِهِ فَتَطِيبُ 17فَقَالَ شَاوُلُ لِعَبيده، انْظُرُوا لِي رَجُلاً يُحْسنُ الضَّرْبَ وَأَتُوا بِهِ إِلَىَّ.¹⁸فَأْجَابَ وَاحِدٌ مِنَ الْغِلْمَانِ، هُوَذَا قَدْ _{مِرَ}أَيْتُ ابْناً لْيَسَّى الْيَسْلَحُمِيِّ يُحْسِنُ الضَّرْبَ، وَهُوَ حَيَّارُ يَأْسِ وَرَجُلُ حَـرْبِ وَفَصِيحٌ وَرَجُـلٌ جَمِيلٌ، وَالـرَّبُّ مَعَهُ. أَفَأَرْسَـلَ شَاوُلُّ رُسُلاً إِلَى يَسَّى يَقُولُ، أَرْسِلْ إِلَىَّ دَاوُدَ ابْنَكَ الَّذِي مَعَ الْغَنَم.²⁰فَأَخَذَ يَسَّى حِمَاراً حَامِلاً خُبْزاً وَزقَّ خَمْر

وَجَدْيَ مِعْزِيِّ وَأَرْسَلَهَا بِيَدِ دَاوُدَ ابْنِهِ إِلَى شَاوُلَ. 2 فَجَاءَ دَاوُدُ إِلَى شَاوُلَ وَوَقَفَ أَمَامَهُ، فَأَحَبَّهُ حِدّاً وَكَانَ لَهُ حَامِلَ مِلاَّحٍ. 2 فَأَرْسَلَ شَاوُلُ إِلَى يَسَّى يَقُولُ، لِيَقِفْ دَاوُدُ الْمَامِي لَأَنَّهُ وَجَدَ نِعْمَةً فِي عَيْنَيَّ. 3 وَكَانَ عِنْدَمَا جَاءَ اللَّهِ عَلَى شَاوُلَ أَنَّ دَاوُدَ أَخَذَ الْعُودَ اللَّهِ عَلَى شَاوُلَ أَنَّ دَاوُدَ أَخَذَ الْعُودَ وَصَرَبَ بِيَدِهِ، فَكَانَ شَاوُلُ يَرْبَاحُ وَيَطِيبُ وَيَذْهَبُ عَنْهُ اللَّوحُ الرَّدِيءُ. الرَّوحُ الرَّدِيءُ.

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. And Saul said unto his servants. Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me. 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.²¹And 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.