



FIRST BAPTIST

The Trial of King Saul

The Life of David

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A. Preview - We get a preview of the focus 1 Samuel in two distinct snapshots

1. The prayer of Hannah (1 Samuel 2:1-10). Three major themes are highlighted.

a. God is sovereign, there are none like Him

b. God opposes the proud, but lifts up the humble

c. God is faithful to accomplish His purpose in spite of mankind's constant failure and wickedness.

2. The demand for a king (1 Samuel 8:19-20) - “we will have a king over us that we may be like all the other nations.

B. The tragedy of King Saul (1 Samuel 13:12; 15:24) - These passages show that Saul’s personal agenda and the fear of the people is more important than obeying God.

C. God’s judgment on Saul (What can we learn?)

1. God removes His Spirit from Saul

a. God opposes the proud (1 Samuel 15:22-23)

2. God sends a distressing spirit to troubles Saul

a. God is sovereign in everything

b. Old Testament examples: Job 2:4-7, Judges 9:23, 2 Samuel 24:1, 1 Chronicles 21:1

c. New Testament Examples: Luke 22:31-32, Romans 1:24-25, 1 Corinthians 5:5, 2 Corinthians 12:7

*** God is sovereign even over evil and in His sovereignty He can even use it to accomplish His divine purpose (Judges 2:1-3)**

3. God establishes David

a. God exalts the humble (1 Chronicles 17:16-23)

1 Samuel 16:14-23 (NKJV) – 14 But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the Lord troubled him. 15 And Saul’s servants said to him, “Surely, a distressing spirit from God is troubling you. 16 Let our master now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp. And it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well.”

17 So Saul said to his servants, “Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me.”

18 Then one of the servants answered and said, “Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the Lord is with him.”

19 Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, “Send me your son David, who is with the sheep.” 20 And Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent them by his son David to Saul. 21 So David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer. 22 Then Saul sent to Jesse, saying, “Please let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight.” 23 And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.

1 Samuel 2:1-10 (NKJV) – And Hannah prayed and said: “My heart rejoices in the Lord; My horn is exalted in the Lord. I smile at my enemies, Because I rejoice in Your salvation.

2 “No one is holy like the Lord, For there is none besides You, Nor is there any rock like our God.

3 “Talk no more so very proudly; Let no arrogance come from your mouth, For the Lord is the God of knowledge; And by Him actions are weighed.

4 “The bows of the mighty men are broken, And those who stumbled are girded with strength.

5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, And the hungry have ceased to hunger. Even the barren has borne seven, And she who has many children has become feeble.

6 “The Lord kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up.
7 The Lord makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up.
8 He raises the poor from the dust And lifts the beggar from the ash heap, To set them among
princes And make them inherit the throne of glory. “For the pillars of the earth are the Lord’s,
And He has set the world upon them.
9 He will guard the feet of His saints, But the wicked shall be silent in darkness. “For by
strength no man shall prevail.
10 The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken in pieces; From heaven He will thunder against
them. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth. “He will give strength to His king, And exalt
the horn of His anointed.”

1 Samuel 8:19-20 (NKJV) – 19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and
they said, “No, but we will have a king over us, 20 that we also may be like all the nations, and
that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

1 Samuel 13:12 (NKJV) – 12 then I said, ‘The Philistines will now come down on me at Gilgal,
and I have not made supplication to the Lord.’ Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a burnt
offering.”

1 Samuel 15:24 (NKJV) – 24 Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed
the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their
voice.

1 Samuel 15:22-23 (NKJV) – 22 So Samuel said: “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt
offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than
sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.
23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because
you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.

Job 2:4-7 (NKJV) – 4 So Satan answered the Lord and said, “Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man
has he will give for his life. 5 But stretch out Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh,
and he will surely curse You to Your face!”

6 And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, he is in your hand, but spare his life.”

7 So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and struck Job with painful boils from the
sole of his foot to the crown of his head.

Judges 9:23 (NKJV) – 23 God sent a spirit of ill will between Abimelech and the men of
Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech,

2 Samuel 24:1 (NKJV) – Again the anger of the Lord was aroused against Israel, and He moved
David against them to say, “Go, number Israel and Judah.”

1 Chronicles 21:1 (NKJV) – Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel.

Luke 22:31-32 (NKJV) – 31 And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”

Romans 1:24-25 (NKJV) – 24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 5:5 (NKJV) – 5 deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

2 Corinthians 12:7 (NKJV) – 7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

Judges 2:1-3 (NKJV) – Then the Angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: “I led you up from Egypt and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers; and I said, ‘I will never break My covenant with you. 2 And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.’ But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this? 3 Therefore I also said, ‘I will not drive them out before you; but they shall be thorns in your side, and their gods shall be a snare to you.’ ”

1 Chronicles 17:16-23 (NKJV) – 16 Then King David went in and sat before the Lord; and he said: “Who am I, O Lord God? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? 17 And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O God; and You have also spoken of Your servant’s house for a great while to come, and have regarded me according to the rank of a man of high degree, O Lord God. 18 What more can David say to You for the honor of Your servant? For You know Your servant. 19 O Lord, for Your servant’s sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all this greatness, in making known all these great things. 20 O Lord, there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 21 And who is like Your people Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people—to make for Yourself a name by great and awesome deeds, by driving out nations from before Your people whom You redeemed from Egypt? 22 For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, Lord, have become their God. 23 “And now, O Lord, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, let it be established forever, and do as You have said.