



THE GOOD
AND THE BAD
AND THE UGLY

CHARACTER STUDIES

THE BAD

**You either die a hero or you live
long enough to see yourself
become the Villain.**

THE BAD

1 Samuel 8:1-9, 19-22

ISRAEL'S DEMAND FOR A KING

¹When Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons as judges over Israel. ²His firstborn son's name was Joel and his second was Abijah. They were judges in Beer-sheba. ³However, his sons did not walk in his ways- they turned toward dishonest profit, took bribes, and perverted justice. ⁴So all the elders of Israel gathered together and went to Samuel at Ramah. ⁵They 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 8:1-9, 19-22

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⁶When they said, "Give us a king to judge us," Samuel considered their demand wrong, so he prayed to the Lord. ⁷But the Lord told him, "Listen to the people and everything they say to you. They have not rejected you; they have rejected me as their king. ⁸They are doing the same thing to you that they have done to me, since the day I brought them out of Egypt until this day, abandoning me and worshiping other gods. ⁹Listen to them, but solemnly warn them and tell them about the customary rights of the king who will reign over them."



1 Samuel 8:1-9, 19-22

ISRAEL'S DEMAND FOR A KING

¹⁹The people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We must have a king over us. ²⁰Then we'll be like all the other nations: our king will judge us, go out before us, and fight our battles."

²¹Samuel listened to all the people's words and then repeated them to the Lord. ²²"Listen to them," the Lord told Samuel. "Appoint a king for them."

Then Samuel told the men of Israel, "Each of you, go back to your city."



Saul's Early Characteristics

- Rich Family



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1 Samuel 10:17-19

¹⁷Samuel summoned the people to the Lord at Mizpah ¹⁸and said to the Israelites, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'I brought Israel out of Egypt, and I rescued you from the power of the Egyptians and all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.' ¹⁹But today you have rejected your God, who saves you from all your troubles and afflictions. You said to him, 'You must set a king over us.' Now therefore present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and clans."



1 Samuel 11

Saul Unites Israel



1 Samuel 12
Samuel gives Israel
Another Warning



1 Samuel 13:8-14

⁸He waited seven days for the appointed time that Samuel had set, but Samuel didn't come to Gilgal, and the troops were deserting him. ⁹So Saul said, "Bring me the burnt offering and the fellowship offerings." Then he offered the burnt offering.

¹⁰Just as he finished offering the burnt offering, Samuel arrived. So Saul went out to greet him, ¹¹and Samuel asked, "What have you done?" Saul answered, "When I saw that the troops were deserting me and you didn't come within the appointed days and the Philistines were gathering at Michmash,



1 Samuel 13:8-14

¹²I thought, 'The Philistines will now descend on me at Gilgal, and I haven't sought the Lord's favor.' So I forced myself to offer the burnt offering." ¹³Samuel said to Saul, "You have been foolish. You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you. It was at this time that the Lord would have permanently established your reign over Israel, ¹⁴but now your reign will not endure. The Lord has found a man after his own heart, and the Lord has appointed him as ruler over his people, because you have not done what the Lord commanded."



1 Samuel 14:24

²⁴and the men of Israel were worn out that day, for Saul had placed the troops under an oath: "The man who eats food before evening, before I have taken vengeance on my enemies is cursed." So none of the troops tasted any food.



1 Samuel 15:1-3

¹Samuel told Saul, "The Lord sent me to anoint you as king over his people Israel. Now, listen to the words of the Lord. ²This is what the Lord of Armies says: 'I witnessed what the Amalekites did to the Israelites when they opposed them along the way as they were coming out of Egypt. ³Now go and attack the Amalekites and completely destroy everything they have. Do not spare them. Kill men and women, infants and nursing babies, oxen and sheep, camels and donkeys.'"



1 Samuel 15:7-11

⁷Then Saul struck down the Amalekites from Havilah all the way to Shur, which is next to Egypt. ⁸He captured King Agag of Amalek alive, but he completely destroyed all the rest of the people with the sword. ⁹Saul and the troops spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, goats, cattle, and choice animals, as well as the young rams and the best of everything else. They were not willing to destroy them, but they did destroy all the worthless and unwanted things.



1 Samuel 15:7-11

¹⁰Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel, ¹¹"I regret that I made Saul king, for he has turned away from following me and has not carried out my instructions." So Samuel became angry and cried out to the Lord all night.



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What to Learn from Saul's Fall



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1. Make yourself Accountable



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2. Keep Pride Away to Eliminate Pride



What to Learn from Saul's Fall

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2. Keep Pride Away to Eliminate Pride
3. Pursue Truth with Everything You Have



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