

1 Samuel 16: Enter David/No Coincidences

Chapter 15 Review

- God told Saul to **completely** wipe out the **Amalakites** and their animals, but Saul **sparing** the King and some sheep
- **Amalakites** are a “**type**” of the flesh (**our old sin nature**)
- **Flesh:** Sexual sin (pornography, premarital sex, etc.), rage, bitterness, unforgiveness, selfishness, etc.
- They **sought out the weak** and tired and cut open the women
- Saul’s disobedience **destroyed the picture** God was painting: **The flesh must be put to death...completely**

Romans 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice**, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. **2**And **do not be conformed to this world**, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

- Samuel hacks Agag king of the Amalakites to pieces with a sword
- We are to destroy the work of the flesh with the **Sword of the Spirit** (Word of God) and friends that help brandish the sword when **we are weak**
- Saul’s deliberate disobedience ends with God **removing the kingdom** of Israel from his rule

Samuel: *The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to your neighbor, **who is better than you.*** [owwww!]

1 Samuel 16

Samuel’s mission to find the new King

1Now the LORD said to Samuel, "**How long will you grieve over Saul**, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? **Fill your horn with oil and go;**

- Fill your horn with oil and go
- **Horn** = strength / **Oil** = Holy Spirit
- **Translation:** Time is short, be filled with the Spirit, let God be

your strength and ...go! **Use your time wisely!**

Ephesians 5: 15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, 16 **making the most of your time**, because the days are evil. 17 So then do not be foolish, but **understand what the will of the Lord** is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be **filled with the Spirit...**

- Keep your eyes on God and His plan for you

I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have selected a king for Myself among his sons." 2 But Samuel said, "How can I go? When Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" 3 "You shall invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for Me the one whom I designate to you." 4 So Samuel did what the LORD said, and came to Bethlehem. And the **elders of the city came trembling** to meet him and said, "**Do you come in peace?**"

- The elders know what Samuel did to Agag (came trembling, do you come in peace?)

5 He said, "In peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. **Consecrate yourselves** and come with me to the sacrifice." He also consecrated **Jesse and his sons** and invited them to the sacrifice.

- **Consecrate:** Go get cleaned up (ceremonially)
- Prepare your heart for church...do we?
- **Are we ready** to hear from God preparing our hearts with prayer and quietness or do we just stumble through the doors?
- Jesse and his sons enter

6 When they entered, he [Samuel] looked at Eliab and thought, "**Surely** the LORD'S anointed is before Him." 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "**Do not look at his appearance** or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for **God sees not as man sees**, for man looks at the outward appearance, but **the LORD looks at the heart.**"

- God sees not as man sees...The LORD **looks at the heart**
- Unlike us, **God's Judgment is Completely Correct**
- Homer Simpson (muscle man)

Romans 12: 3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone

among you **not to think more highly of himself** than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as **God has allotted** to each a measure of faith.

- Whatever we have has **been given by God**
- Those we consider good looking sometimes **walk or talk differently** than those considered not so good looking...why?
- God sees the heart (**motives**), not the tan, money, height, or looks.
- Our thoughts about ourselves **do not change the reality of who we really are**

Luke 16:15 And He [Jesus] said to them, "You are those who **justify yourselves** in the sight of men, but **God knows your hearts**; for **that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God.**

1 Chronicles 28:9 ...know the God of your father, and serve Him with **a whole heart and a willing mind**; for the **LORD searches all hearts**, and **understands every intent of the thoughts** If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.

Heart: Motives, intent, what drives us to do what we do

Matthew 6:20 "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; **21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

- If **God is your treasure**, you will be motivated to please Him and have **peace**
- If the world is your treasure, you will be motivated to please the culture...and have **discontentment**
- The brothers continue down the runway

8Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." 9Next Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." 10Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11And

Samuel said to Jesse, "Are these all the children?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and behold, he is tending the sheep." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." 12So he sent and brought him in. Now he was **ruddy**, with beautiful eyes and a **handsome** appearance And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." 13Then Samuel took the **horn of oil** and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward.

- **Ruddy:** Red headed
- Handsome
- **Anoint:** Horn of oil over the head; a picture of the Spirit
- Picture becomes reality (came mightily upon David...)

And Samuel arose and went to Ramah. 14Now the Spirit of the LORD **departed from Saul**, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him. 15Saul's servants then said to him, "Behold now, **an evil spirit from God** is terrorizing you.

- **Rebellion** is as the sin of witchcraft...**Saul opened the door** for demonic activity (discuss?)

16"Let our lord now command your servants who are before you. Let them seek a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall come about when the evil spirit from God is on you, that he shall play the harp with his hand, **and you will be well.**"

- Music calms the savage beast?

17So Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me now a man who can play well and bring him to me." 18Then one of the young men said, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is a skillful musician, a mighty man of valor, a warrior, one prudent in speech, and a handsome man; and the LORD is with him." 19So Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "**Send me your son David** who is with the flock."

- David moves toward the throne through what seems to be coincidence
- There is no coincidence with God
- David will accomplish what God has spoken

Romans 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Philippians 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus

20Jesse took a donkey loaded with **bread** and a jug of **wine** and a young goat, and sent them to Saul by David his son. 21Then David came to Saul and attended him; and Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor bearer. 22Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David now stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight." 23So it came about whenever the evil spirit from God came to Saul, David would take the harp and play it with his hand; **and Saul would be refreshed and be well**, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

- Spirit of God was on David
- His father gave him bread and wine to take to Saul
- Our Father gives us bread and wine, **bread (the Word of God)** and **wine (the joy of the Spirit of God)**
- We are to take it to those who are hurting, plagued by whatever demons... that they might be refreshed and made well

CONCLUSION

- **Samuel** is told to gain strength by the Spirit and continue his mission to find the next king
- God sees and judges the heart, **our motives**
- There are no coincidences with God
- Alesio being here and getting saved was not a coincidence
- God will complete what He started when Alesio said he had nothing to offer God and was saved by God's grace through faith that God could and would do it

Ephesians 2:3 (Read) Among them **we too all formerly lived in the lusts** of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. **4But God**, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive** together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

8For **by grace you have been saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10For we are His workmanship, created in Christ

Jesus for good works, which **God prepared beforehand** so that we would walk in them.

But God...made us alive. Do you need a **"But God...?"**