

1 Samuel 11: Deliverance from Without

1 Samuel Chapter 10 Review

- Saul is **anointed** king (set apart / empowered for a certain task)
- **Sequence** of events led to public anointing
- Two men near **tomb**: Death allows us to think soberly about life
- Gods **Word was specific**: 3 lambs, 2 loaves
- The **Spirit** came on Saul and he was a **changed man**
- Saul spoke the Word of God **boldly**
- Directly after Saul made King...**divisions came/lack of peace**
- Israel sinned by wanting a king. **Sin causes lack of peace and separation from God.**

1 Samuel 11

1Now Nahash the **Ammonite** came up and **besieged** Jabesh-gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Make a covenant with us and we will serve you." 2But Nahash the Ammonite said to them, "I will make it with you on this condition, that I will **gouge out the right eye of every** one of you, thus I will make it a reproach on all Israel." 3The elders of Jabesh said to him, "Let us alone for seven days, that we may send messengers throughout the territory of Israel. Then, if there is no one to deliver us, we will come out to you."

- **Ammonite**: descendent of Lot (incest) Gen 19:38
- **Besieged**: To surround and starve out
- **Gouge out**: to humiliate
- Let us send...to deliver us (the confidence of the enemy)

1 Peter 5:8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert Your adversary, the devil, **prowls** around like a roaring **lion**, seeking someone to devour.

- Satan is not afraid of us if we do not have the Spirit of God

Acts 19:13 (Read) But also some of the Jewish exorcists, who went from place to place, attempted to name over those who had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, "**I adjure you by Jesus**

whom Paul preaches." Seven sons of one Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. 15And the evil spirit answered and said to them, "I recognize Jesus, and I know about Paul, but **who are you?**" 16And the man, in whom was the evil spirit, leaped on them and subdued all of them and overpowered them, so that **they fled out of that house naked and wounded.**

- They did not know Christ/ Have the Spirit of God
- With the Spirit of God, we have power over Satan

1 John 4:4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them [spirit of antichrist]; because **greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.**

- Don't try to fight Satan without the Spirit of God!

4Then the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and spoke these words in the hearing of the people, and all the people lifted up their voices and wept. 5Now behold, Saul was coming from the field behind the oxen, and he said, "What is the matter with the people that they weep?" So they related to him the words of the men of Jabesh. 6Then the **Spirit of God came upon Saul** mightily when he heard these words, and he **became very angry.**

- **Ephesians 4:26** BE ANGRY, AND yet DO NOT SIN; ...
- Anger towards injustice...Godly anger, not our own

James 1:20 ...for the **anger** of **man** does not achieve the righteousness of God

7He took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout the territory of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, "Whoever does not come out after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen" **Then the dread of the LORD fell on the people,** and they **came out as one man.**

- **Drastic action** to bring about **drastic results**
- Drastic action of the Spirit means "this is serious"

Acts 5 (Read) 1But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, 2and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet. 3But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the

land? 4"While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." 5And as he heard these words, **Ananias fell down and breathed his last; and great fear came over all who heard of it.**

6The young men got up and covered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him. 7Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8And Peter responded to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for such and such a price?" And she said, "Yes, that was the price." 9Then Peter said to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out as well." 10And immediately **she fell at his feet and breathed her last, and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband.** 11**And great fear came over the whole church,** and over all who heard of these things. 12At the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico. 13But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, the people held them in high esteem. 14And all the more believers in the Lord, **multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to their number,** 15to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them. 16Also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were **coming together,** bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all being healed.

- Drastic action by God led to **seriousness and respect for God**
- Numbers actually **grew**...God's holiness was in view
- Saul was serious and it **unified the people to action**
- They "**came out as one man**" (of one mind)

8He numbered them in Bezek; and the sons of Israel were 300,000, and the men of Judah 30,000. 9They said to the messengers who had come, "Thus you shall say to the men of Jabesh-gilead, 'Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, **you will have deliverance.**'" So the messengers went and told the men of Jabesh; and they were glad. 10Then the men of Jabesh said, "Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you may **do to us whatever seems good to you.**" 11The next morning Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp at the morning watch and struck down the Ammonites until the heat of the day. Those who survived were

scattered, so that no two of them were left together.

- The enemy was **scattered**

12Then the people said to Samuel, "Who is he that said, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' Bring the men, that we may put them to death."

- At Saul's inauguration some jeered

13But Saul said, "Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today **the LORD has accomplished** deliverance in Israel."

- Spirit brought about both **anger and mercy**
- **Anger:** Poured out on Jesus
- **Mercy:** Poured out on us
- Saul gives honor to the Lord for deliverance (He accomplished)

14Then **Samuel said** to the people, "Come and let us go to Gilgal and **renew the kingdom there.**" 15So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal There they also offered sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

- Next Chapter: Samuel will renew the kingdom under God
- Things will go well when the earthly king follows the Heavenly King

CONCLUSION: So What? (Written 3000 years ago)

Romans 15:4 For whatever was written in earlier times was written **for our instruction**, so that **through perseverance** and the **encouragement** of the Scriptures we might have **hope**.

- 1 Samuel 11 is a "**whatever was written...**"
- Instruction, perseverance, encouragement and hope!
- **Types:** Pictures from the old testament to help us understand the Spiritual realm

The Siege: We are sometimes surrounded and paralyzed by our enemies, the oppression of living in this world, and our own sin. This is a miserable place to be...introspective and weak. Consumed by self.

Eyes plucked out: Our enemy wants to humiliate us for all the world to see. Kick us while we're down. To say "Look, he calls himself a

Christian and cant even get out of bed!" "She calls herself a Christian and she's crying again!" (drinking again, lying again, not keeping his word..again)

Messengers sent: (What we do) Get out of ourselves. We will not find deliverance within. We go outside ourselves and call out to God. We praise...we pray...we shout if we have to!

Deliverance: The Spirit of God brings deliverance and **scatters the enemy!** The way is clear. We have breathing room. We are not petty. We are not ashamed.

Psalm 25:2 O my God, in You I **trust**, Do not let me be **ashamed**; Do not let my enemies exult over me.

Romans 10:10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. 11As the Scripture says, "**Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.**"

- Do you feel paralyzed, surrounded by enemies? Beaten down?
- Do you feel shame after losing a battle to sin? Do you feel ashamed to come to God?
- Jesus took our shame on the cross! All of it!

"Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame."