

A scenic view of a suspension bridge over a valley. The bridge has wooden posts and cables. In the background, a mountain is covered in snow. The sky is blue with some clouds. The overall tone is warm and golden.

CHAPTER 15

1 Samuel

Review of last few 1 Samuel studies:

(Chap. 10-14) Begun to see cracks in Saul's Character - Today cracks turn into crevices:

- Saul did defeat the Ammonites
- Insecure, took credit for victories of Jonathan
- Falsely humble, pridefully seeking glory
- Lying, always a victim of his circumstances, making excuses, blaming others
- Impatient/impulsive, foolish
- Not willing to confess or repent

Review of last few 1 Samuel studies:

- Chapter 13 saw him put sacrifice over obedience, more religious than seeking relationship
 - God is seeking a man of faith with his heart
- Chap 14 - "God Did" through Jonathan on a normal average/ordinary day**
- Saul's son seems very different from Dad
 - Saw Saul's foolishness in a vow that almost got his son killed!
 - v47-52 - See Saul's talent & potential

Review of last few 1 Samuel studies:

Pastor Ryan left us with a few challenges:

1. Is God calling me to action? or am I letting anything be an excuse?
2. Praise of men or victory through God?
3. There is a difference between faith in word and faith in action.
4. God's way is not always the easy way.
5. Fear of man vs. fear of God
6. Am I more interested in being right than listening to God?

Biblical Background on Amalekites:

Descendants of Esau -
Genesis 28:6-9, 36:12

1st group to come against
Israel - Exodus 17:8-16

Mo's Reminder - Deut.
25:17-19

Chapter 15 Notes:

- ❖ (v1-3) God's Mission = bring judgment & annihilate Amalek, devote ALL to destruction, don't spare a thing! (Sound familiar? Josh. 6-7)
 - Yes, God is calling for an absolutely terrible & terrifying mission of judgment!
 - Totally shocking for us in an egalitarian culture where all have rights and everyone wins
 - Many would ask why? How could a loving God?...even as NT believers called to love, saved by grace

Chapter 15 Notes:

- ❖ I Don't know...but what I do know:
 - God, is holy, righteous & perfect
 - He is the God of love & mercy and knows all things, all hearts and intents, history beginning to end
 - He the God of justice & deadly serious about sin & evil...has been clear about the penalties
 - 2 Peter 3 - Jesus is in the business of saving right now, but he is coming to judge and there is only one way to be delivered from it!

"[11] Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. [12] And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written

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in the books, according to what they had done. [13] And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. [14] Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

[15] And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."