

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 1

“Learning to Trust God” – Part 1

I Samuel 1:1-8

1A. INTRODUCTION

1B. Who wrote the book of I Samuel

Hebrew Bible: I and II Samuel = one book. Septuagint (LXX): books of the kingdoms (I and II Samuel and I and II Kings = Kings I, II, III, IV). Latin Bible: books of the kings (I, II, III, VI).

2B. Talmud ascribes the authorship to Samuel

I Chronicles 29:29 reveals that Samuel did write, as well as Nathan and Gad. The author lived after the death of Solomon, because the divided monarchy is referred to in ***I Samuel 27:6***. The reference to the tabernacle in Shiloh (***I Samuel 1:3***) places it before 1050 BC when it was destroyed by the Philistines. ***Jeremiah 7:12,14***.

2A. WHO IS SAMUEL?

Jeremiah 15:1; Psalm 99:6.

1B. His name means “Asked of God” or “Name of God”.

2B. He is both a prophet and a judge.

3B. The New Testament refers to him with honor.

Acts 3:24; 13:20; Hebrews 11:32.

He is described as the first of the prophets. He began the “school of the prophets”. Prophets before Samuel: Moses: ***Deuteronomy 18:18***; Aaron: ***Exodus 7:1***; 70 elders prophesied once: ***Numbers 11:25***; Unnamed prophet: ***Judges 6:8***; Abraham: ***Genesis 20:7***.

4B. He is the connecting link between the period of the Judges and the period of the Kings--a remarkable man, to say the least.

3A. WHAT IS THE BOOK ABOUT?

1B. It is about leadership, centering around Samuel, Saul and David, with minor attention to Eli and his sons.

2B. *Judges 21:25*: spiritual famine and decay. God raises up a godly leader to change the nation.

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- 3B. Samuel's method for changing the internal growth of the nation: the founding of schools to train godly leaders - the prophets!

We Learn to Trust God by two principles seen in the life of Samuel's mother, Hannah.

1A. BY **RECOGNIZING** TRIALS AS PART OF GOD'S PLAN FOR US - 1-8

- 1B. Her **RELATIONSHIP** to her husband--both a blessing and a trial - 1-5
Verse 1: “a certain man” - Elkanah. “God has obtained”.

A Levite, the family of Kohathites: *I Chronicles 6:27, 33-38*. Three men in the line with the same name. “An Ephraimite,” Ephraim – “doubly fruitful”. From Ramathaim – zophim, hill country.

Ramah – “high” – Ramathaim “twin or two-twin heights”. zophim was a high place and meant “field of watchers”. LXX - birthplace (*1:19*), residence (*7:17*) and burial place (*25:1*) of Samuel.

Three things about Elkanah:

- 1C. He was dedicated to the Lord - 3

Exodus 34:23: three times a year all males are to appear before the Lord God (Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles) . “Worship”: *Deuteronomy 12:5-7*, Sacrifice of thanksgiving - part of the peace offerings: *Leviticus 7:11-18, 29-35*. Only offering which can be eaten by the worshippers, rather than the priests.

He was dedicated to the Lord in spite of a corrupt priesthood: verse 3b. Eli - family of Ithamar, fourth son of Aaron--responsible to care for the physical property of the tabernacle. Hophni and Phinehas: *2:12,17,22; 3:13*.

- 2C. He had a special love for Hannah - 5

“gave her a double portion” That was usually given to the firstborn son: *Deuteronomy 12:17*. Joseph gave a large portion (five times greater) to Benjamin when all the brothers were seated at his table in Egypt: *Genesis 43:34*. His love was mixed, however, for this special treatment caused ill feelings in the family.

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Isaac loved Rebekah, and knowing her barrenness (**Genesis 25:21**), he prayed to the Lord on behalf of his wife, and the Lord answered him.

Concerning the wives of Jacob (**Genesis 29:30-31**) Rachel was loved more, but was barren. The Lord opened the womb of Leah and gave her children because He saw that she was unloved. Cf. **Gen. 30:1**

3C. He had another wife and children - 2

Hannah means “grace” or “gracious.” Penninah means “coral” or “pearl,” also contains the word “face”. **Deuteronomy 21:15-17** deals with the problem as it relates to children born/inheritance.

Deuteronomy 25:5-10 suggests the possibility of a man having two wives, one his sister-in-law. However, it does not say that he was married. Examples: Abraham (**Genesis 16:3-6**), Jacob (**Genesis 30:1-2**), Gideon (**Judges 8:30-31; 9:56-57**), David (**I Samuel 25:42-44; II Sam 5:13; 12:11-12**), Solomon (**I Kings 11:1-4**). Hannah's name is mentioned first, probably his first wife, being childless, he took another wife.

1B. Her RELATIONSHIP to her husband--both a blessing and a trial - 1-5

2B. The continual **REMINDER** of her barrenness – 2, 5-6

“But Hannah had not children” v. 2. “But the Lord had closed her womb v. 5.”
“Because the Lord had closed her womb” v. 6. **Proverbs 30:15-16**: “There are three things that will not be satisfied, four that will not say “enough” - the grave, and the barren womb....” “An Ephraimite,” Ephraim – “doubly fruitful”.

Deuteronomy 7:14: God's promise to His people if they obeyed His commandments. “You shall be blessed above all peoples; there shall be no male or female barren among you.”

Barrenness was a special reproach--considered as a sign of God's judgment. The barren include: Sarah, Rachel, Manoah's wife, mother of Samson, Hannah, Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist.

Children from barren women-- Isaac, Joseph and Benjamin, Samson, Samuel, John the Baptist. God answers prayer. **Luke 1:7** (cf. **1:36-37**): shows what God can do. Barrenness is an opportunity for God to work in a mighty way.

Our trials are like the barren womb. (cf. **Romans 4:19-21**). **Psalms 113:9**: “He makes the barren woman abide in the house of a joyful mother of children”. Praise the Lord.

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- 1A. By RECOGNIZING trials as part of God's plan for us - 1-8
1B. Her RELATIONSHIP to her husband--both a blessing and a trial - 1-5
2B. The continual REMINDER of her barrenness – 2, 5-6
3B. The RESISTANCE she received from Peninnah - 6
Rival (KJV – “adversary”) used 38 Times, translated as “enemy” in KJV (cf. *Psalms* 23:5): “Thou dost prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.”

Consider Ramah with *Jer. 31:15*; *Matt. 2:18*. Ramah was used by Israel's enemies as the place of deportation into exile for both the northern and southern kingdoms. Rachel's grave was there and she was, as it were, “turning over in her grave” “weeping” for her deported offspring as they marched past her grave as captives.

To irritate her - (KJV - “make her fret”). Root: “to thunder” (cf. *I Samuel* 2:10; 7:10). Our adversary desires to provoke us to anger to make us all upset because of our trials.

- 4B. The REACTION of her husband - 8
(to her personal grief - he did not understand.)

Sometimes those closest to us cannot bring the comfort we need. It drives us to the only source of help, our wonderful Lord (cf. *Hebrews* 4:16). Hannah learned the meaning of her name through her trials--“Grace grows best in winter”. *II Corinthians* 12:9.

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“Learning To Trust God” – Part 2

1 Samuel 1:9-18

1A. BY RECOGNIZING THAT OUR TRIALS ARE A PART OF GOD'S PLAN FOR US - 1-8

2A. BY REALIZING HOW GOD USES OUR TRIALS FOR OUR GOOD AND HIS GLORY - 9-18

Consider the following results:

1B. A BROKEN HEART - 10

“Greatly distressed” - bitter of soul (cf. *2 Kings 4:27*). *Psalm 51:17* - “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.”

Zechariah 12:10: “they will mourn for Him as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him, like the bitter weeping over a firstborn. (Note: this broken heart is caused by the Spirit of grace and supplication being poured out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem).

2B. A sense of DEPENDENCY upon the Lord -10

“Prayed to the Lord”: *Psalm 121:1-4*. *Hebrews 4:16*.

Verse 12 “continued” (multiplied) praying.

3B. A new COMMITMENT to the Lord -11

“She made a vow” (cf. *Numbers 30:6-8*). *Deuteronomy 23:21-23*; *Ecclesiastes 5:4-5*; *Psalm 50:14*; *56:12*; *116:18,14*; *Job 22:27*; *Jonah 2:9*.

Two parts to her vow (commitment).

1C. Give him to the Lord all the days of his life

Num. 8: 14-19, 24-26. Age 25-50 years - normal. She gives him to the Lord for all the days of his life!

2C. A razor shall never come on his head.

Numbers 6: “the days of his separation.” A limited commitment. *Judges 13:2-5*: “a Nazarite to God from the womb. A lifelong commitment: *Judges 16:17*. Hebrew word for “Nazarite” is connected with word “to vow” - Mishnah indicates a period of 30 days, and in some cases 60 or 100 days. Samson, John the Baptist and Samuel. *Acts 18:18*, Paul (cf. *Acts 21:23-24*).

"LEARNING TO TRUST GOD – PART - 2"

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- 1A. By RECOGNIZING that our trials are a part of God's plan for us - 1-8
- 2A. By REALIZING how god uses our trials for our good and his glory - 9-18
 - 1B. A BROKEN HEART - 10
 - 2B. A sense of DEPENDENCY upon the Lord -10
 - 3B. A new COMMITMENT to the Lord -11
 - 4B. A MISUNDERSTANDING by others: verses 12-16

"Eli thought she was drunk." He lacked in spiritual discernment and sensitivity. He made a judgment about her without checking the facts clearly. "Base woman" or "worthless woman" Aelial; daughter of Belial is the same as saying the daughter of Satan. (cf. **Matthew 5:11-12; 7:1-5; Romans 2:1-3, 1 Peter 4:14-16**).
- 5B. A definite ASSURANCE from God through Eli: verses 16-17

Jewish commentators indicate that Eli predicts that God will give her a son. (cf. **Psalm 20:1-5; 37:4; Ruth 2:12-13**).
- 6B. A wonderful PEACE from God – 18b

Romans 15:13; Philippians 4:6-7

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Message No. 3

“God Answers Prayer”

1 Samuel 1:19-2:11

- 1A. THE **RESULTS** OF TRUSTING GOD TO ANSWER PRAYER - 1:19-28
- 2A. THE **RESPONSE** OF ONE WHO TRUSTS GOD TO ANSWER PRAYER 2:1-11

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1B. The **WORSHIP** of God is greater - 19a

“Arose early in the morning and worshipped before the Lord.”

To bow yourself down: ***Psalm 95:6-7; 99:5,9***

cf. Peter walking on water: ***Matthew 14:22-23***

2B. The **WORK** of God is evident - 19-20

1C. Seen in the **Remembrance** of the Lord – “and the Lord remembered her”.

Genesis 8:1: “God remembered Noah;” ***19:29***: “God remembered

Abraham;” ***30:22***: “God remembered - Rachel, and God gave heed to her and opened her womb.

Hannah prayed (v. ***11***): remember me.

Luke 23:42: “Jesus, remember me when You come in your kingdom (thief on cross).”

2C. Seen in the **Response** of Hannah when Samuel was born - 20

“I have asked” or “I was heard.”

She exalted the Name of God because He had answered her prayer

(cf. ***Ephesians 3:20-21***: His work deserves our praise and glory!). a

3B. The **WORD** of God is confirmed - 23

“May the Lord confirm His Word” – possibly referring back to what Eli said in ***verse 17***.

According to ***II Maccabees 7:28***, Hebrew women suckled their children for three years.

4B. The **WILL** of God is accepted and obeyed - 24-28

1C. Seen in the **Sacrifice** that was offered - “a three-year-old bull.” Based on LXX reading (KJV-three bullocks) .

Possibility that the three bullocks include one for the sin offering, one for the burnt offering and one for the peace offering, or as in the case of the

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priests, the third was the ram of consecration: (**Leviticus 8**), the blood being put on the tip of the right ear, thumb of the right hand, great toe of the right foot.

Numbers 8 refers to the dedication of the Levites and mentions the bullock for the sin offering and the bullock for the burnt offering
Verse 25 only mentions the sacrifice of the one bullock (cf. **Romans 12:1; 6:13, 16, 19**).

4B. The WILL of God is accepted and obeyed - 24-28

1C. Seen in the Sacrifice that was offered

2C. Seen in the Surrender of the child to the Lord's work - 27-28.

"Dedicated" (lent - cf. **1 Samuel 1:11 and 22**). "They worshipped" LXX.

3C. Seen in the Submission of the child - 28b.

"And he worshipped the Lord there" (cf. **2:11**).

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“Let’s Praise The Lord” - Parts 1 - 3

Message No. 4 & 5 & 6

1 Samuel 2:1-11

- 1A. *THE **RESULTS** OF TRUSTING GOD TO ANSWER PRAYER - 1:19-28*
- 2A. *THE **RESPONSE** OF ONE WHO TRUSTS GOD TO ANSWER PRAYER 2:1-11*
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“Then Hannah prayed”
 - 1B. His **WORTHINESS** is exalted (Who He is!) - 1-3
 - 1C. The **Extent** of that exaltation
 - 1D. As to His power – “my horn (strength) is exalted in the Lord”:
Psalm 89:17; 75:10; 147:5; 118:14; 148:14; Exodus 15:2; 18:1-2, 32-36.
 - 2D. As to His **salvation** – “I rejoice in Thy salvation”
cf. *Isaiah 12:2-3; Psalm 40:16; Colossians 1:12-14*
 - 3D. As to His **holiness** – “there is no one holy like the Lord”
cf. *Exodus 15:11; Isaiah 6:1-8*
 - 4D. As to His **uniqueness** – “there is no one besides Thee”
cf. *Exodus 8:10; 9:14; Deuteronomy 4:35,39; Mark 12:28-34; Psalm 86:8-10*
 - 5D. As to His **stability** – “nor is there any rock like our God”
cf. *2 Samuel 22:32-34,47; verses 2-3; Deuteronomy 32:3ai; Psalm 40:1-2; Psalm 89:26 - Jesus; 95:1; 31:2-3; 62:1-2,5-8; 71:3; 19:14*
 - 6D. As to His **knowledge** – “For the Lord is a God of knowledge”
cf. *Psalm 139:1-6,15- 18,23-24*
 - 2C. The **Effects** of that exaltation upon the believer - 1-3
cf. *Psalm 18:32,39; 11 Corinthians 12:1-10, verse 4*
“feeble gird on strength”
 - 1D. It gives us **strength** – “my horn (strength) is exalted in the Lord”
cf. *Psalm 25:6-9; 92:10*

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- 1A. The RESULTS of trusting god to answer prayer - 1:19-28
- 2A. The RESPONSE of one who trusts God to answer prayer 2:1-11
 - 1B. His WORTHINESS is exalted (Who He is!) - 1-3
 - 1C. The Extent of that exaltation
 - 2C. The Effects of that exaltation upon the believer - 1-3
 - 1D. It gives us strength
 - 2D. It gives us confidence – “my mouth speaks boldly against my enemies”
cf. *Philippians 1:20*
 - 3D. It gives us joy – “I rejoice”
cf. *Philippians 4:4*
 - 4D. It gives us humility – “Boast no more. ..”
cf. *Proverbs 8:13; 16:18; 25:9; Psalm 10:3-4; 20:7*
 - 5D. It gives us accountability – “with Him actions are weighed”
cf. *Proverbs 16:2; 24:12*

2B. His WORKS are praised - 4-10

1C. His Personal Concern for our needs - 5

1D. As to bread - “Give us this day our daily bread”
cf. *Psalm 107:9*

2D. As to birth – “barren gives birth to seven”
cf. *Isaiah 54:1-8; Ruth 4:15.*

2C. His Providential Control of our lives – 6-8

1D. As to our death and eternity - 6
cf. *Deuteronomy 32:39; Revelation*

2D. As to wealth and position - 7-8
cf. *Psalm 113:5-8; Deuteronomy 8:17-18; Job 42:10-12*

The basis of this argument: verse 8b

“For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's and He set the world on them.”

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1C. His Personal Concern for our needs - 5

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3C. His **Protective Care** of our lives - 9

(cf. *Psalm 91:11-12; 1 Peter -Verse 9b: Psalm 33:16-17*

(why we need Him so much!).

4C. His **Powerful Conquest** -10

cf. *Exodus 15:6-7; Psalm 96:13; 98:9; 89: 19-29; 103: 19*

1D. Includes the **defeat** of His enemies

cf. *Exodus 15:6-7*

2D. Includes the **judgment** of all nations

cf. *Matthew 25:31 ff. Kingdom. cf. Psalm 21:1,7; 103:19*

3D. Includes the **establishment** of His Kingdom

cf. *Psalm 21:1, 7; 103:19*

4D. Includes the **glorification** of the Messiah!

cf. *Psalm 89:19-29*

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Message No. 7

“How to Destroy Your Family”

1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22-25, 27-36

- 1A. THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THIS FAMILY
- 2A. THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WHICH THIS FAMILY WOULD EXPERIENCE - 30-36

1A. THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THIS FAMILY

1 Samuel 2:12-17,22-25,27-29; 3:13

- 1B. The RESULTS were evident in the lives of the two sons
Cf. *Deuteronomy 13:13; Judges 19:22; 1 Samuel 10:27; 25:17, 25*

- 1C. Ignorant in their spiritual understanding - 12
“They did not know the Lord”
Isaiah 56:11; Jeremiah 2:8; 9:3,6; 10:21; II Corinthians 6:15

- 2C. Improper in their motives -17
“They despised the offering of the Lord”
Cf. *Leviticus 3:1-17, 7:22-25, 28-34; Malachi 2:7-9; 3:34*

- 3C. Immoral in their conduct - 22
“They lay with the women who served” (cf. *Exodus 38:8*)

- 4C. Indifferent in their response to their father -25
“they would not listen to the voice of their father”
Cf. *Proverbs 15:10; 28:14; 29:1*

- 2B. The RESPONSIBILITY rested with the father

- 1C. Lack of Spiritual Leadership - 29
(Why do you kick at My sacrifice and at My offering which I have commanded in MY dwelling!” (cf. *Psalms 26:8; 21:4*).

- 2C. Lack of Proper Priorities - 29
“Honor your sons above Me” (cf. *Matthew 10:37*).

- 3C. Lack of Personal Discipline - 3:13
“He did not rebuke them”

"HOW TO DESTROY YOUR FAMILY"
Message No. 7 - 1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22-25, 27-36

1A . The spiritual CONDITION of this family

2A. THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WHICH THIS FAMILY WOULD EXPERIENCE - 30-36

1B. Reduced life span and personal grief - 30-33

“Your soul grieve and...die in the prime of life” (cf. *Psalm 37:17*).

2B. Death of the two sons - 34

“On the same day both of them shall die.”

3B. Loss of spiritual ministry and position - 35

“A faithful priest who will do according to what is in My heart and in My soul”
(cf. *Ezekiel 44:10*).

4B. Increase in physical need - 36

“Shall come and bow down ...so that I may eat a piece of bread.”

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“HOW TO RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL!”

1 Samuel 2:11, 18-21, 26; 3:1-21

- 1A. IT BEGINS WITH PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO THE LORD HIMSELF
- 2A. IT DEVELOPS BY CONTINUAL GROWTH IN THE LORD
- 3A. IT DEPENDS ON YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE:
- 4A. IT REQUIRES OBEDIENCE TO WHAT GOD TELLS YOU (3:15-18).
- 5A. IT NEEDS CONFIRMATION FROM GOD AND OTHERS (3:19-20)
- 6A. IT RESULTS IN BLESSING FROM GOD (3:21).

Basic principles: condition of things: (3:1, cf. *Amos 8:11-12; Ezekiel 1:26*).

- 1A. IT BEGINS WITH PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO THE LORD HIMSELF
1 Samuel 1:28; 2:11 (cf. 3:7).

Submission does not require great knowledge.

We do not have to know everything in order to be what God wants us to be.

- 2A. IT DEVELOPS BY CONTINUAL GROWTH IN THE LORD
1 Samuel 2:1&21, 26

- 1B. FAITHFUL ministry: 2:18 (cf. 3:1).
Exodus 28:2-4, 6-14; 39:2-7, 22-26; Leviticus 8:6-9 (cf. *2 Samuel 6:14*).

- 2B. FAMILY support: 2:19-21.
Exodus 23:14: three times a year. - “The Lord visited” *Genesis 21:1*

- 3B. FAVORABLE response from the Lord and others: 2:26
(cf. *Luke 2:40,52*).

- 3A. IT DEPENDS ON YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE
1 Samuel 3:4-34

“Here I am” (need of a servant's heart. More ready to listen than to speak
cf. *Luke -10:38 -42*

- 1B. To make yourself available.

- 2B. To listen to what the Lord tells you!
Psalms 85:8; Isaiah 6:8; Daniel 10:19. - Verse 11: “ears... will tingle.
2 Kings 21:12; Jeremiah 19:3. Verse 13--”did not rebuke”
(cf. *Proverbs 19:18; 23:13-14; 29:15*).

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- 3A. IT DEPENDS ON YOUR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE
- 4A. IT REQUIRES **OBEDIENCE** TO WHAT GOD TELLS YOU -3:15-18
Verse 15 - Main problem is fear (cf. *Jeremiah 1:6-8*).
- 5A. IT NEEDS **CONFIRMATION** FROM GOD AND OTHERS - 3:19-20
(cf. *1 Samuel 9:6; Isaiah 44:24-26; 1 Kings 8:56*).
- 6A. IT RESULTS IN **BLESSING** FROM GOD - 3:21
"Appeared again" - continued to reveal Himself; Hebrew - "added". *Amos 3:7*

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Message No. 9

“The Story of Ichabod”

1 Samuel 4:1-22

- 1A. THE FAILURE TO **DELIGHT** IN GOD'S WORD
- 2A. THE FAILURE TO **DEPEND** UPON THE LORD
- 3A. THE FAILURE TO **DEFEAT** THE ENEMY.
- 4A. THE FAILURE TO **DISCIPLINE** YOUR LIFE AND FAMILY
- 5A. THE FAILURE TO **DISCERN** THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION

It is a story of failure and defeat, lessons often repeated in the history of mankind.

1A. THE FAILURE TO **DELIGHT** IN GOD'S WORD

Verse 1: “the word of Samuel came to all Israel.” Cf. **3:21**: “the word of the Lord.” Cf. **Psalm 37:4; 1:1-2; 119:16, 24, 35, 47, 70, 77, 92, 143, 174.**

2A. THE FAILURE TO **DEPEND** UPON THE LORD

Verse 1: “camped beside Ebenezer” Twenty years later, after getting right with God, they marked the place with a stone. **1 Samuel 7:12.**

“The Lord has helped us.” “The ark”: **Numbers 10:33-36; Deuteronomy 31:24-29; Joshua 3:7-17; 4:6-7; Jeremiah 3:15-17.** “Sits above the cherubim”: **Exodus 25:22; 2 Samuel 6:2; II Kings 19:15; Psalm 80:1; 99:1.**

1B. The **ELDERS** were guilty - 3

“Why has the Lord defeated us!” Good question, but wrong solution.

“Let us take to ourselves ...” Making decisions without consulting the Lord, and worse yet, in deliberate disobedience to God's instruction. **Exodus 18; Numbers 11.**

2B. The **PRIESTS** were guilty - 4

They did nothing to stop it. They should have known better, but their lives were filled with immorality and sin and thus they were unable to stand up for what is right in a crisis. **Numbers 4:1-5, 15, 17-20.**

3B. The **PEOPLE** were guilty - 4-5

for trusting in an object, rather than the Lord. “They carried”: **v. 4** - violation!

3A. THE FAILURE TO **DEFEAT** THE ENEMY.

1050 BC, Chiloh destroyed by fire. **Verse 2:** 4000 killed. **Verse 10:** 30,000 killed, plus death of two sons of Eli and the ark of God being taken.

1 John 4:4: “Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.”

"THE STORY OF ICHABOD"

Message No. 9 1 Samuel 4:1-22

1 Peter 5:8: "Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour . **Verse 9:** "resist him, firm in your faith" (cf. **Jeremiah 7:12**).

Ephesians 6:12: "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

We need the "full armor of God"!

1A. THE FAILURE TO DELIGHT IN GOD'S WORD

2A. THE FAILURE TO DEPEND UPON THE LORD

3A. THE FAILURE TO DEFEAT THE ENEMY.

4A. THE FAILURE TO DISCIPLINE YOUR LIFE AND FAMILY

Cf. **3:13; 2:29, 1 Samuel 4:12-18.**

He lost his family, his ministry as priest and his leadership of God's people in time of crisis! (cf. **Proverbs 29:1,2,15,16,17, 18,25**). **25:29:** "Like a bad tooth and an unsteady foot is confidence in a faithless man in time of trouble.

5A. THE FAILURE TO DISCERN THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION

Cf. **1 Samuel 4:19-22.**

The women said "Do not be afraid, for you have given birth to a son"- no answer.

"The glory has departed from Israel"

(Three reasons) .

1B. The ARK OF GOD was taken.

2B. Her FATHER-IN-LAW

3B. Her HUSBAND (cf. **Psalms 78:54-64**)

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Message No. 10

“Who is Able to Stand Before a Holy God!”

I Samuel 5:1-6:21

- 1A. *PHILISTINE **RELIGIOUS** PRACTICES*
- 2A. *THE **RESULTS** OF FAILING TO ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S POWER AND HOLINESS (5:1-12).*
- 3A. *THE **REASONING** OF THE PHILISTINES ABOUT GOD'S POWER AND HOLINESS (6:1-9).*
- 4A. *THE **RESPONSE** OF THE MEN OF BETHSHEMESH TO GOD'S POWER AND HOLINESS (6:10-21)*

1A. THE **RELIGION** THE PHILISTINES PRACTICED

1B. They **SERVED** various gods
Central shrine at Ashdod.

1C. Baalzebub--prince of devils and lord of the flies.
Thought to have the ability to give oracles by means of the many flies, gnats and mosquitoes in the area.

2C. Ashtoreth
Goddess of fertility. Temple to Aphrodite standing at Ashkelon at the time of Herodotus, Greek historian.

Ashtoreth and Baalzebub, semitic names connected with Canaanite religion.

3C. Dagon
Temples at Gaza, Ashdod and Bethshan. The one at Gaza involved Samson. Dagon - The name is derived from either the word “fish” or “grain.”

Evidence of Dagon in Tell-el-Amarna letters before Philistines ever came or controlled.

The name appears in Mesopotamia in cuneiform writing in the third century BC and also appears in many Babylonian situations. Roots of this religious tie to Dagon trace back through the Etruscans, who influenced the Philistines.

Recent archaeological discoveries have made it very certain that Dagon is to be associated with a “grain deity” or fertility god. In Ugarit he was considered the father of Baal, who is the fertility god of the Canaanites.

"WHO IS ABLE TO STAND BEFORE A HOLY GOD?"

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- 2B. The Philistines **CARRIED** their idols with them in battle campaigns as good luck charms. (2 Samuel 5:21)
They had priests and diviners (*1 Samuel 6:2*) and their magicians were highly esteemed (*Isaiah 2:6*). Hebrew King Amaziah consulted the oracle of Baalzebub (*2 Kings 1:2*; cf. Dagon's temple in *Judges 16:23*, at (Gaza) .
- 2A. THE **RESULTS** OF FAILING TO ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S POWER AND HOLINESS (5:1-12).
- 1B. Seen in the **COLLAPSE** of Dagon (5:1-5).
Cf. *Daniel 5:1-9, 17:30. Exodus 12:12*: "against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments, I am the Lord."
- Psalms 97:7* "Let all those be ashamed who serve graven images, who boast themselves of idols; worship Him, all you gods."
- Isaiah 19:1* "the idols of Egypt will tremble at His presence"
(cf. *2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1; Psalm 115:1-8*).
- 2B. Seen in the physical **CONSEQUENCES** they experienced (5:6-12).
- "The hand of the Lord was heavy" *verses 6, 7, 9, 11* ("severe"/against the city).
- Psalms 32:4* "for day and nights Thy hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was drained away as with the fever-heat of summer".
- Acts 13:11* - Paul to Elymas the sorcerer—"behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind.
- Men of the city broke out with tumors (Ashdod, Gath and Ekron); many died and the cry went up to heaven. "Tumors"- not hemorrhoids or emerods.
(cf. *Revelation 16:2, 11*).
- 3A. THE **REASONING** OF THE PHILISTINES ABOUT GOD'S POWER AND HOLINESS (6:1-9).
They were smarter than many of us today--they were determined to find out who was behind it!
- 1B. If the God of Israel is behind this, then we must admit our **GUILT** - 3

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Guilt offering. - **Proverbs 28:13** "He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion."

Proverbs 29:1 "A man who hardens his neck after much reproof will suddenly be broken beyond remedy" (cf. **1 Samuel 6:6**).

When you recognize who God is, you cannot help but recognize your own sinfulness!

- 2B. If the God of Israel is behind this, then we must acknowledge His **GLORY** - 5
Five golden tumors and five golden mice, one for each of the five lords of the Philistines and the five cities.

The mice may indicate Bubonic Plague or something similar.

- 3B. If the God of Israel is behind this, then we must admit His **GREATNESS** - 7-9
They had a unique plan to prove it--two milk cows that had never been yoked. Normally they would return to their calves that they were milking--also they would be unaccustomed to the yoke.

4A. THE **RESPONSE** OF THE MEN OF BETHSHEMESH TO GOD'S POWER AND HOLINESS (6: 10-21)

- 1B. They **RECOGNIZED** the need of dedication/ worship -14-15
"Burnt offerings"--sacrifice of dedication and commitment to the Lord
(cf. **Romans 12:1; Leviticus 1:9, 13**). "Shall offer all of it!"

- 2B. They **REALIZED** the need for complete obedience -19
"They had looked into the ark of the Lord" (cf. **Leviticus 10:1-3; Numbers 4:17-20; 2 Samuel 6:6ff**).

50,070 men--some discrepancies here in the MSS. Hebrew reads 70 men, 50,000. Some MSS omit the 50,000 figure. Some say it reads 50 out of 1000.

Some think only 70 were killed out of some 50,000 common people in the area.
Psalms 76:7 "Thou, even Thou, art to be feared; And who may stand in Thy presence when once Thou art angry.

Malachi 3:2 "Who can stand when He appears"

Revelation 6:17 "the great day of wrath has come; and who is able to stand!"

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 11

“How to Get Victory in Your Life”

1 Samuel 7:1-17

- 1A. **THE BACKGROUND**
- 2A. **BY RETURNING TO THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART** - 3A
- 3A. **BY REMOVING THE IDOLS OUT OF YOUR LIFE** - 3B
- 4A. **BY RESPONDING WITH DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE LORD** - 3C
- 5A. **BY RECOGNIZING YOUR SIN BEFORE GOD** - 6
- 6A. **BY RELYING UPON THE LORD FOR HELP** - 7-10
- 7A. **BY REMEMBERING WHO GAVE YOU THE VICTORY** - 12, 17

1A. **THE BACKGROUND**

1B. The ark of the Lord comes back, but the children of Israel have not yet defeated the Philistines. The men of Kiriath-jearim (city of forests) come and get the ark and bring it to the house of Abinadab on the hill, and Eleazar his son keeps care of it.

2B. Kiriath-jearim is near Shiloh (which was destroyed by the Philistines)
It is nine miles north of Jerusalem and its early name was Kiriath-***Baal Joshua 15:16*** Kiriath-sepher), according to ***Joshua 18:14***.
-Mentioned again in judges 18:12, where 600 men from the tribe of Dan camped. -It was in the land allotted to the tribe of Judah.
-The ark remained here until King David brought it up to ***Jerusalem (2 Samuel 6:1-15; 1 Chronicles 13:1-13; 15:1-29)***.
-Abinadab (“father is noble”) had three sons: Eleazar, Ahio and Uzziah, who was killed because he touched the ark of God when it was brought up to Jerusalem.

3B. This story reveals the secret of victory and deliverance.

- 2A. **BY RETURNING TO THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART** - 3A
(cf. ***Deuteronomy 30:1-3; 4:29-31***). It involves intensive search and willingness to listen to what God says! Solomon's prayer in ***1 Kings 8:46-53 (verse 48)***. It involves confession and prayer (cf. ***Isaiah 55:7***).
- 3A. **BY REMOVING THE IDOLS OUT OF YOUR LIFE** - 3B
(cf. ***Genesis 35:1-4; Joshua 24:14-24***). -Cf. ***Judges 2:11-13; 10:6***
A serious problem in their past, time of the judges. -Ashtaroth-fertility goddess.
-Downfall of Solomon: ***1 Kings 11:5; 2 Kings 23:13***. He built high places in her honor. -Ishtar of Babylon - goddess of love and fertility. Clay figurines-nude females with breasts and “idols” ***1 John 5:21; 1 Corinthians 10:7, 14***.

"HOW TO GET VICTORY IN YOUR LIFE"

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3A. By REMOVING THE IDOLS OUT OF YOUR LIFE - 3B

4A. **BY RESPONDING WITH DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE LORD** - 3C
(Cf. *Deuteronomy 13:4; 10:20; 1 Chronicles 28:9; Matthew 6:24*).

5A. **BY RECOGNIZING YOUR SIN BEFORE GOD** - 6

1B. Mizpah-from verb "to look out" or "to spy or to watch, means a watchtower."
Mizpah of Gilead, of Judah, of Moab, the land of Mizpah, and the Mizpah of Benjamin. *Joshua 18:26*.

1C. Mound called "Tell-en-Nasbeh, located eight miles north of Jerusalem.
Excavated 1926-1935, dates from iron age at 1200 B.C. down to Persian and Hellenistic times. Area around shows this to be strategic militarily.

2C. Seven acres within walls
Walls were 35-40 feet high and 15-20 feet wide. Great gate facing north had benches for elders, indicating a place of great importance, probably a boundary fortress between Israel and Judah.

After the fall of Jerusalem, it became a center of worship and capital of Babylonian province, according to *Jeremiah 41:3*.

2B. "Drew water and poured it out before the Lord"
Targum reads "And they poured out their hearts in penitence, as waters, before the Lord." Drink offerings or libations were used in connection with the sacrificial offerings. "Fasted" on Day of Atonement: *Leviticus 16:29*.

6A. **BY RELYING UPON THE LORD FOR HELP** - 7-10

"Burnt offering"-represented a renewed commitment to the Lord. All on the altar!

Calling upon the Lord when you are in trouble- *Psalms 50:15; 99:6*.

"Thundered" (cf. *2:10; Psalm 18:13-19; Deuteronomy 20:3-4*).

7A. **BY REMEMBERING WHO GAVE YOU THE VICTORY** - 12, 17

"Ebenezer" "-stone of help, a constant reminder.

Samuel's example in *verse 17*. "He built there an altar to the Lord."

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No 12 **“A Crisis in Leadership”** *1 Samuel 8:1-22*

- 1A. A **REMINDER** OF SAMUEL’S LEADERSHIP
- 2A. **THE RESPONSE** OF SAMUEL’S SONS TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AS LEADERS - 1-3
- 3A. **THE REQUEST** FOR A KING - 4-6
- 4A. **THEIR REJECTION** OF THE LORD - 7-9
- 5A. **THEIR REFUSAL** TO LISTEN TO SAMUEL - 10-22

- 1A. A **REMINDER** OF SAMUEL’S LEADERSHIP
1 Samuel 3:19-21 and 7:15-17.

Four causes we can see behind this crisis in leadership.

- 2A. **THE RESPONSE** OF SAMUEL’S SONS TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AS LEADERS - 1-3

There is no evidence in the Bible to indicate Samuel’s failure as a possible cause behind the actions of his sons.

According to *1 Chronicles 6:28, 31-33*, Samuel's grandson was one of the singers who ministered in the house of the Lord under David - a son of one of Samuel's wicked sons! (Joel).

Psalm 99:6: “Moses and Aaron were among His priests, and Samuel was among those who called on His name; They called upon the Lord, and He answered them.”

Jeremiah 15:1: “Then the Lord said to me, ‘Even though Moses and Samuel were to stand before Me, My heart would not be with this people’ ...”

- 1B. They did not follow the **EXAMPLE** of their father

Verse 3: “Did not walk in his ways”

Cf. 2 Kings 18:1-7a with 21:1-6, 9, 11-12, 16. Cf. Ecclesiastes 2:18-19.

Principle to learn: *Ezekiel 18:20; Deuteronomy 24:16.*

- 2B. They did not follow the **EXHORTATION** of Scripture about leadership
Exodus 23:6, 8. Cf. Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 1:16-18 (time of Moses); Judges 8:22-23; 2 Chronicles 19:5-7.
Cf. Psalm 15:5; Isaiah 33:15-16.

Principles to learn: *1 Timothy 3:3, 3:8; 6: 10.*

"A CRISIS IN LEADERSHIP"

Message No. 12 1 Samuel 8:1-22

1A. A REMINDER OF SAMUEL'S LEADERSHIP

2A. THE RESPONSE OF SAMUEL'S SONS TO THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AS LEADERS - 1-3

3A. THE REQUEST FOR A KING - 4-6

1B. The outward REASONS seemed legitimate - 5
Samuel's age and the conduct of his sons.

Our reasons for wanting to do things another way than what God has ordered often seem legitimate and justified (in our eyes)

It is easy to be deceived at this point! It is never right to do wrong in order to get a chance to do right (cf. *James 4:17*).

2B. The underlying REASON revealed it was wrong
"appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations."

God chose Israel to be different from all the nations, not like them!
The Lord anticipated this problem, of course (cf. *Deuteronomy 17:14ff*).
Divine commentary: *Hosea 13:10-11*.

3B. The RESPONSE of Samuel proved once again that he was a man of God - 6

1C. He Recognized immediately that their request was wrong
Displeasing (evil). He had spiritual discernment.

2C. He Realized immediately his need of Divine help and "prayed to the Lord."

4A. THEIR REJECTION OF THE LORD - 7-9

A crisis in leadership is not always caused by the failure of the leader, but can also be caused by the people's failure to follow the Lord. Cf. *Exodus 16:8; Matthew 10:24-25, 40; Luke 10:16; John 15:20-21; Numbers 14:1-4, 20-23, 27-35*.

5A. THEIR REFUSAL TO LISTEN TO SAMUEL - 10-22

1B. God will REFUSE to answer them when they cry to Him -18
Psalms 18:41; Proverbs 1:24-33.

2B. They will RECEIVE what they wanted and experience the terrible consequences "what you sow, you will reap" – 22
Galatians 6:7. -Cf. Psalm 81:11-12.

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 13

“How to Know God's Will”

1 Samuel 9:1-10:27

- 1A. BY **REALIZING** HOW HE USES OUR CIRCUMSTANCES - 9:3-14
- 2A. BY **RESPONDING** TO WHAT HE HAD REVEALED - 9:15-10:8
- 3A. BY **RECOGNIZING** THAT HE CAN CHANGE THINGS FROM WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN OR SEEM TO BE - 10:9-13
- 4A. BY **RELYING** UPON HIS DIRECTION AND CONTROL - 10:17-22
- 5A. BY **REACTING** IMMEDIATELY TO WHAT GOD HAS CLEARLY SHOWN TO BE HIS WILL 10:23-27

- 1A. BY **REALIZING** HOW HE USES OUR CIRCUMSTANCES - 9:3-14
Ephesians 1:11 “who works all things after the counsel of His will.”

Romans 11:36 “For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.”

Daniel 4:35 “But He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth; and no one can ward off His hand or say to Him, “What hast Thou done?”

Psalms 135:6 “Whatever the Lord pleases, He does.”

Psalms 115:3 “But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.”

Psalms 103:19 “The Lord has established His throne in the heavens; and His sovereignty rules over all.”

- 1B. Seen in apparent losses, failures, or defeat
(loss of donkeys; failure to find them). Cf. ***Habakkuk 3:17-19***

Job 23:10 “When He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.”

Job 23:13-14 “But He is unique and who can turn Him? And what He should desire, that He does. For He performs what is appointed for me, and many such decrees are with Him.”

- 2B. Seen in His perfect timing - 9:11-14
The time of sacrifice-Samuel is there! ***Ecclesiastes 3:1***: “There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven.”

"HOW TO KNOW GOD'S WILL"

Message No. 13 1 Samuel 9:1 – 10:27

1A. BY REALIZING HOW HE USES OUR CIRCUMSTANCES - 9:3-14

2A. BY RESPONDING TO WHAT HE HAD REVEALED - 9:15-10:8

Verse 15 "the Lord had revealed this to Samuel."

Psalm 119:105 "Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path."

Psalm 119:130 "The unfolding of Thy words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple."

Two lessons are taught in this passage about responding to what God has said.

1B. It is not easy to respond to that which you have not experienced or see as a possibility - 9:20b-21. Saul was quite reluctant. Cf. *Hebrews 11:6*.

2B. When something is truly God's will, then He will confirm it.
Cf. *10:1-8*. Finding the donkeys, meeting the three men and the group of prophets. *Romans 4:20-21*.

3A. BY RECOGNIZING THAT HE CAN CHANGE THINGS FROM WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN OR SEEM TO BE - 10:9-13

Cf. *Ephesians 3:20*.

1B. God can change how we look at things "God changed his heart" *Prov. 21:1*.

2B. God can change our ability to do things
"and the Spirit of God came upon him mightily."

4A. BY RELYING UPON HIS DIRECTION AND CONTROL - 10:17-22

The method used (lot: *Proverbs 16:33*) was valid, but the result was not there. "he could not be found": *verse 21*.

This necessitated further instruction from the Lord. *Verse 22*: "Therefore they inquired further of the Lord." The need of prayer and dependence upon God is obvious here.

5A. BY REACTING IMMEDIATELY TO WHAT GOD HAS CLEARLY SHOWN TO BE HIS WILL - 10:23-27

1B. Those who have been touched by God will respond - 26

2B. There will always be those who do not believe it is God's will even when it is clear – 27 (their hearts are not touched by God).

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 14

“Confirming God's Will”

OR

“How to Know a Leader When You See One”

1 Samuel 11:1-15

1A. *INTRODUCTION:*

2A. *THE CRISIS PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR GOD TO CONFIRM HIS WILL - 1-5*

3A. *THREE WAYS BY WHICH GOD'S WILL WAS CONFIRMED.*

1A. *INTRODUCTION:*

As God often does, He uses a serious crisis to confirm His will in choosing Saul as king.

In chapter 10 He confirmed to Saul that he was the one when Saul was quite reluctant to believe it.

In chapter 11 He confirmed it to the people that Saul was the one He had chosen.

2A. *THE CRISIS PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR GOD TO CONFIRM HIS WILL - 1-5*

1B. This revenge for what happened to the Ammonites under Jephthah who was a Gileadite: Judges 11:32-33 (cf. *10:17-18; 11:1*).

2B. The men of Jabesh-Gilead were Benjamites, closely related to Saul.

After the destruction of 25,000 men of Benjamin, the 600 men who were left needed wives, but the tribes had made a commitment not to give any of their daughters to Benjamin in marriage. One tribe did not go to war with them, Jabesh-Gilead.

As a punishment, the other tribes sent 12,000 warriors and killed all the men, women, and children of Jabesh-Gilead with the exception of 400 virgins whom the Benjamites took as wives. They then settled in Jabesh-Gilead. They were a small group, and vulnerable, giving the Ammonites an opportunity for revenge. This explains Saul's concern, and also the way the men of Jabesh-Gilead responded to Saul's death: *1 Samuel 31:11ff*.

3B. The covenant they made was in violation of the first two commandments of God

“no other gods” and “nor serve them”: *Exodus 20:1ff*. Cf. *Matthew 6:24*.

“No one can serve two masters ... -Joshua 24:15: “Choose for yourselves today whom you will serve ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

"CONFIRMING GOD'S WILL"
Message No. 14 - 1 Samuel 11:1-15

3A. THREE **WAYS** BY WHICH GOD'S WILL WAS CONFIRMED - 6-15

1B. By the **REACTION** of Saul to this crisis: verses - 6-11
(four reactions).

1C. **Concern** for the people - 5

2C. **Control** by the Holy Spirit - 6
"He became very angry" (cf. *judges 14:6*). Cf. Revelation: "*the wrath of the Lamb.*" *Ephesians 4:26*: "*Be angry, and yet do not sin.*"

3C. **Challenge** to the people - 7-10
The marks of leadership were evident.

4C. **Conquest** of the enemy - 11

2B. By the **REFUSAL** of Saul to take revenge - 12-13

1C. Example of David: *1 Samuel 24:1-6, 12; 26:8-11, 23*

2C. Example of Christ: *1 Peter 2:18-25*

3B. By the **RESPONSE** of the people - 14-15

1C. They made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal.
The place where the 12 stones from the Jordan were set up.
Joshua 4:20-24.

- The place of circumcision: *Joshua 5:8-9.*

- The first Passover in the promised land.

- *Joshua 5.10*: no more manna: they ate of the produce of the land –
verses 11-12.

- The military camp of Joshua. One of the sites to which Samuel went to
judge Israel: *1 Samuel 7:16.*

2C. They offered sacrifices of peace offerings before the Lord.
(thanksgiving for what the Lord did).

3C. They rejoiced greatly.

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 15

“How to Respond to God's Will”

1 Samuel 12:1-25

- 1A. **REALIZE THE CHARACTER** OF GOD'S MESSENGER -1-5
- 2A. **REMEMBER THE CONSEQUENCES** OF DISOBEDIENCE - 6-18
- 3A. **RECOGNIZE THE CONDITIONS** FOR GOD'S BLESSING - 19-25

1A. **REALIZE** THE **CHARACTER** OF GOD'S MESSENGER -1-5

- 1B. Was he reliable? Was he a true or a false prophet? What were his motives?
- 2B. He was obedient to God's instruction even when it did not seem right to him - 1
“have listened to your voice” (Cf. **8:5-9, 21-2**).
- 3B. He was free from wrong motives - 3-4
Cf. **Exodus 23:4-9; Deuteronomy 16:18-20**.

2A. **REMEMBER** THE **CONSEQUENCES** OF DISOBEDIENCE - 6-18

1B. In **PAST CONFLICTS** - 6-11

- 1C. The **Reason** for these consequences - 9
“They forgot the Lord their God.” Cf. **Deuteronomy 32:18; Judges 3:7; Psalm 106:21**.
- 2C. The **Result** of their disobedience - 9
“So He sold them ... and they fought against them” Cf. **Judges 2:11-15; 3:8; 4:2; Isaiah 50:1**
- 3C. The **Rescue** of God through deliverer Judges
“They cried out to the Lord and said, “We have sinned” **verse 10**
“Then . . .” **verse 11**

2B. In the **PRESENT CRISIS** - 12-18

- 1C. The **Problem** is the same - 12-13
- 2C. The **Prerequisites** have not changed - 14-15
“Fear the Lord; serve Him, listen to His voice, and do not rebel.”
- 3C. The **Proof** that they have sinned again - 16-18

"HOW TO RESPOND TO GOD'S WILL"

Message No. 15 - 1 Samuel 12:1-25

- 1A. REALIZE THE CHARACTER OF GOD'S MESSENGER -1-5
- 2A. REMEMBER THE CONSEQUENCES OF DISOBEDIENCE - 6-18
- 3A. RECOGNIZE THE CONDITIONS FOR GOD'S BLESSING - 19-25

- 1B. REQUEST the mercy of God - 19

Cf. *verse 23*. Cf. **Romans 5:20**: "Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more".

Lamentations 3:22: "The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail."

- 2B. RETURN to following the Lord and serving Him with all your heart - 20

- 3B. REFUSE to go after futile things - 21

Cf. **Jeremiah 2:5, 13; 14:22; 16:19**.

- 4B. RELY upon the faithfulness of God - 22

Deuteronomy 31:6; Psalm 94:14.

- 5B. REMEMBER what He has done, and praise Him and who He is! "Fear the Lord."

Cf. **Deuteronomy 10:20-21**.

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 16
“Seeds of Decay”
1 Samuel 13:1-23

- 1A. **ILLUSTRATION**: TERMITES IN OUR FENCE
- 2A. **PRIDE**: WHEN WE TAKE CREDIT FOR WHAT GOD HAS DONE (THROUGH OTHERS) - 1-4
- 3A. **FEAR OF MAN**: WHEN WE FACE A CRISIS WITHOUT TRUSTING IN THE LORD - 5-7
- 4A. **IMPATIENCE**: WHEN YOU DECIDE TO TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS INSTEAD OF WAITING ON THE LORD - 8-14

- 1A. **ILLUSTRATION**: TERMITES IN OUR FENCE
We cannot see them until the damage is done.

KJV: “Saul reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel” (13:1).

-Something seems to be missing in the Hebrew text-the whole verse is omitted in the unrevised LXX. In a later revision the number 30 is inserted, which makes Saul 30 years old at this point, which is unlikely due to his son Jonathan's age and abilities.

-The reign of Saul for 32 years, along with his son Ishbosheth's reign of 7 1/2 years, gives us the 40 years mentioned in *Acts 13:21*.

-The Hebrew text reads like this, indicating two omissions - . . . “Saul was -years old when he began to reign, and he ruled and two years over Israel.”

- 2A. **PRIDE** - WHEN WE TAKE CREDIT FOR WHAT GOD HAS DONE (THROUGH OTHERS) - 1-4

1B. Possible reasons for Saul's reaction to what his son Jonathan had done.

1C. He was the king and should be honored for what one of his men would do.

2C. He was more experienced than his son: it would look bad for him.

3C. He had more soldiers than Jonathan: people would expect him to do it.

- 2B. This was obviously the way Saul thought (cf. *1 Samuel 17:31-33 and 18:6-9*). *Proverbs 16:18*: “Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling.”

Proverbs 29:23: “A man's pride will bring him low, but a humble spirit will obtain honor.”

"SEEDS OF DECAY"
Message No. 16 - 1 Samuel 14:1-23

Proverbs 27:2: "Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; a stranger, and not your own lips."

Proverbs 25:27: "It is not good to eat much honey nor is it glory to search out one's own glory."

1A. ILLUSTRATION: TERMITES IN OUR FENCE

2A. PRIDE: WHEN WE TAKE CREDIT FOR WHAT GOD HAS DONE (THROUGH OTHERS) - 1-4

3A. FEAR OF MAN: WHEN WE FACE A CRISIS WITHOUT TRUSTING IN THE LORD - 5-7

30,000 chariots - the form of the Hebrew word should probably read "3000." The difference is quite small, but would-seem more in line with the figure of the horsemen (Syriac and Arabic read "3000").

Proverbs 29:25: "The fear of man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the Lord will be exalted." Examples - Abraham: **Genesis 12:11-13**. Cf. **Luke 12:4-5**; **John 12:42-43**.

Psalms 34:4 "I sought the Lord, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears."

Proverbs 3:25-26: "Do not be afraid of sudden fear, nor of the onslaught of the wicked when it comes; for the Lord will be your confidence (at your side) and will keep your foot from being caught."

2 Timothy 1:7; Psalm 91:1-16; Psalm 27:1-3.

4A. IMPATIENCE: WHEN YOU DECIDE TO TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS INSTEAD OF WAITING ON THE LORD - 8-14
Cf. **1 Samuel 10:8; 11:15**.

1B. The REASONS of Saul

1C. The Departure of the people - 8b, 11
(proved he was not trusting in the Lord, but in numbers of people!).

2C. The Delay of Samuel: verse 11b
(He had trouble following directions - it was not his timetable).

"SEEDS OF DECAY"
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- 2A. *PRIDE: WHEN WE TAKE CREDIT FOR WHAT GOD HAS DONE (THROUGH OTHERS) - 1-4*
- 3A. *FEAR OF MAN: WHEN WE FACE A CRISIS WITHOUT TRUSTING IN THE LORD - 5-7*
- 4A. *IMPATIENCE: WHEN YOU DECIDE TO TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS INSTEAD OF WAITING ON THE LORD - 8-14*

1B. *THE REASONS OF SAUL*

2B. The **REBUKE** of Samuel

“you have acted foolishly - you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God.”

Proverbs 12:15: “The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man is he who listens to counsel.”

Proverbs 21:5: “The plans of the diligent lead surely to advantage, but everyone who is hasty comes surely to poverty.”

3B. The **RESULTS** -14

As to present leadership (cf. ***Daniel 4:28 ff, 5:20, 22***).

1C. “Your kingdom shall not endure.”

As to future leadership.

2C. “The Lord has sought out for Himself a man after his own heart.”

Cf. ***Acts 13:21-22***

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 17
“What God Can Do”
1 Samuel 14:1-23

- 1A. INTRODUCTION
- 2A. GREAT INSECURITY AND FEAR, COMBINED WITH TREMENDOUS OBSTACLES, MEAN A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR GOD TO WORK

1A. INTRODUCTION

1B. The situation is serious - *1 Samuel 13:19-23*

The iron age has come, and the Philistines have learned how to use it. Bronze weapons were helpless against them and they exacted a charge for even the tools that were used by the Israelites.

2B. Israel lives in fear (cf. *13:6-7*)

3B. Saul has disobeyed God and lost his kingdom (*13:13-14*)

4B. Saul has 600 men only with him (*13:15 and 14:2*)

5B. The Jews have no sword or spear - only Saul and Jonathan have them.

2A. GREAT INSECURITY AND FEAR, COMBINED WITH TREMENDOUS OBSTACLES, MEAN A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR GOD TO WORK.

Verse 1 - “Now the day came” – indicates the timing of God and the significance of this particular moment in history

1B. It begins with a **DECISION** to trust God in spite of the obstacles facing you 14:1-5

1C. The **Strength** of the enemy - 1

“The Philistines' garrison” (*13:23*). -“Pass of Michmash” (cf. *13:5*). -30,000 or 3000 chariots and 6000 horsemen compared to 600 men of Saul.

2C. The **Weakness** of Saul

“But he did not tell his father.” His advice was no longer trustworthy, his carnality and disobedience has cost him his leadership (verse 2 - 600 men).

"WHAT GOD CAN DO"
Message No. 17 - 1 Samuel 14:1-23

2A. Great insecurity and fear, combined with tremendous obstacles, mean a great opportunity for God to Work!

1B. It begins with a DECISION to trust God in spite of the obstacles facing you (14:1-5)

1C. The strength of the enemy - 1

2C. The weakness of Saul

3C. The Lack of counsel/advice from God - 3

"Ahijah, son of Ahitub."

Name means "my brother is Jehovah," or "Jehovah is my brother."

Ahiah or Ahijah is the short form for Ahimelech *1 Samuel 22:9-20*.

"Was wearing an ephod" –a priestly garment, emphasizing his responsibility to consult the Lord for His will and direction, it was not given.

4C. The physical Difficulty involved - 4-5

"Sharp crag on the one said to the other."

Bozez-"shining" smooth rock, difficult to climb.

Senh - "thorny bush" difficult also!

2B. It results from our DEPENDENCY upon God - 6-15

1C. It gives Courage in the face of the enemy

"Come and let us cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised."

They're not even believers "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world." Cf. *1 Samuel 17:26,36* and *Jeremiah 9:26*.

2C. It produces Confidence in the Lord, not numbers

"For the Lord is not restrained to save by many or by few."

Cf. *Deuteronomy 32:30; judges 7:4-7; 2 Chronicles 14:11; Zechariah 4:6; Matthew 19:26; Romans 8:31*.

3C. It increases your Commitment - 7

2 Samuel 7:3 "Do all that is in your heart." Go for it!

Psalms 46:7 "I am with you according to your desire!"
(speaks well of his armor bearer!)

4C. It brings Confirmation from God - 8-15

Jonathan showed his dependence upon God, in contrast to his father's style, when he waited for a "sign" from God as to what he should do!

"WHAT GOD CAN DO"
Message No. 17 - 1 Samuel 14:1-23

The enemy is defeated and trembling! - The earthquake is a great reminder of how God can intervene in the course of events. We need to trust His mighty power! - Cf. **Deuteronomy 28:7; Joshua 23:11**.

2A. *Great insecurity and fear, combined with tremendous obstacles, mean a great opportunity for God to Work!*

1B. *It begins with a DECISION to trust God in spite of the obstacles facing you (14:1-5)*

2B. *It results from our DEPENDENCY upon God! (14:6-15)*

3B. It shows in the **DELIVERANCE** that God gives - 16-23

1C. It shows in the **Commotion** in the camp of the Philistines - 16, 19, 20

2C. It shows in the **Confusion** of Saul - 18-19

“Ark” - LXX says “ephod.”

3C. It shows in the **Commitment** of the Israelites - 21-22

The fear is gone, they all get into the battle and partake of the victory.
Cf. **Exodus 14:30-31; Psalm 44:4-8**.

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 18
“A Foolish Oath”
1 Samuel 14:24-52

It was foolish oath for the following seven reasons

- 1A. BECAUSE THE **REASON** WAS SELFISH - 24
- 2A. BECAUSE THE **RELIEF** THEY NEEDED COULD HAVE HELPED GREATLY - 25-28, 30
- 3A. BECAUSE THE **REACTION** OF JONATHAN TO HIS FATHER'S LEADERSHIP
DETERIORATED - 29-30
- 4A. BECAUSE THE **REBELLION** OF THE PEOPLE COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED - 31-35
- 5A. BECAUSE THE **RESPONSE** OF GOD WAS GREATLY NEEDED - 36-42
- 6A. BECAUSE THE **RESCUE** OF JONATHAN PROVED THAT THE PEOPLE DID NOT AGREE
WITH SAUL IN THE FIRST PLACE - 43-46
- 7A. BECAUSE THE **RESULTS** COULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT FOR THE FUTURE – 30

- 1A. BECAUSE THE **REASON** WAS SELFISH - 24
“Until I have avenged myself on my enemies”
Cf. *1 Samuel 24:12; 25:39; 26:23-24; Romans 12:17-21.*

Saul was taking matters into his own hands instead of seeking the Lord's will.

- 2A. BECAUSE THE **RELIEF** THEY NEEDED COULD HAVE HELPED GREATLY
25-28, 30

- 1B. Their **CONDITION** showed their need of relief
Saul lacked understanding or compassion.
verse 24: “hard pressed” verse 28: “weary.” Cf. Matthew 9:36

- 2B. The **CURSE** kept them from getting any relief when it was there - 25-26
The honey on the ground proved that the Lord would provide their needs.
“*They feared the oath.*”

- 3B. The **CONSEQUENCES** could have been different - 30
“*For now the slaughter among the Philistines has not been great*”

Things could be different if we would do them God's way and not ours!

- 3A. BECAUSE THE **REACTION** OF JONATHAN TO HIS FATHER'S
LEADERSHIP DETERIORATED - 29-30
“*My father has troubled the land.*” - Same words used in *1 Kings 18:18* meaning,
of “troubled.”

"A FOOLISH OATH"
Message No. 18 - 1 Samuel 14:24-52

- 1A. Because the REASON was selfish - 24
2A. Because the RELIEF they needed could have helped greatly 25-28, 30
3A. Because the REACTION of Jonathan to his father's leadership deteriorated - 29-30
4A. BECAUSE THE REBELLION OF THE PEOPLE COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED - 31-35

1B. The CONDITION of the people was the immediate reason - 31
"The people were very weary."

2B. The COMMANDMENT of God was well known (even by Saul)
Genesis 9:4; Leviticus 3:17; 7:26-27; 17:10-14.
Their condition did not justify their disobedience, even though it was understandable.

3B. The CONCERN of Saul was hypocritical - 33-35

- 5A. BECAUSE THE RESPONSE OF GOD WAS GREATLY NEEDED - 36-42

1B. The SILENCE of God (*verse 37*) and the people (*verse 39*) revealed how foolish the oath really was.

2B. The SEARCH for what caused this silence shows that God is anxious for us to deal with sin.
the casting of the lot - *Proverbs 16:33; Acts 1:24.*

- 6A. BECAUSE THE RESCUE OF JONATHAN PROVED THAT THE PEOPLE DID NOT AGREE WITH SAUL IN THE FIRST PLACE - 43-46

1B. Their RESISTANCE was based upon what had happened
"This great deliverance in Israel."

2B. Their REASONING is that God was with Jonathan, not Saul
"for he has worked with God this day."

- 7A. BECAUSE THE RESULTS COULD HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT FOR THE FUTURE – 30 Cf. *verses 52, 47*
"War was severe all the days of Saul."

He had the opportunity for a great and complete victory. The results were different because he wanted to do things his own way.
How often do we come short of total victory because of the same reason?

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 19

“The Priority of Obedience”

1 Samuel 15:1-35

- 1A. THE **COMMAND** OF GOD WAS CLEAR - 1-3
- 2A. THE **COMPROMISE** OF SAUL AND THE PEOPLE REVEALED THEIR SPIRITUAL PROBLEM - 4-9
- 3A. THE **CONCERN** OF SAMUEL REVEALS THE KIND OF PERSON HE WAS - 10-19
- 4A. THE **CONSEQUENCES** REVEAL THE PRIORITY OF OBEDIENCE - 20-23
- 5A. THE **CONFESSION** OF SAUL COULD NOT CHANGE THINGS - 24-31
- 6A. THE **CHARACTER** OF SAMUEL DEMONSTRATED THAT OBEDIENCE TO GOD WAS HIS PRIORITY - 32-35

1A. THE **COMMAND** OF GOD WAS CLEAR- 1-3

1B. Saul's **RESPONSIBILITY** to obey - 1

“The Lord sent me to anoint you ... now therefore listen to the words of the Lord”. Cf. *1 Samuel 9:16; 10:1; 12:14; 13:13*.

2B. The **REASON** behind this command - 2-3

Cf. *Exodus 17:8-16; Deuteronomy 25:17-19*.

2A. THE **COMPROMISE** OF SAUL AND THE PEOPLE REVEALED THEIR SPIRITUAL PROBLEM - 4-9

1B. They showed sympathy for God's instructions at times - “the Kenites”.

Cf. *Exodus 18:9-10, 19; Numbers 10:29-32; Judges 1:16*.

Moses' father-in-law was a Kenite. He helped lead through the wilderness.

2B. They showed stubbornness (“were not willing”) when confronted with their values - 9

3A. THE **CONCERN** OF SAMUEL REVEALS THE KIND OF PERSON HE WAS 10-19

One who obeys God implicitly also reveals a tender compassion for those living in sin.

1B. Seen in his **REACTION** toward what the Lord said - 10- 11

“Was distressed and cried out to the Lord all night.” - Such love and compassion for one who seemed so undeserving!

"THE PRIORITY OF OBEDIENCE"

Message No. 19 - 1 Samuel 15:1-35

- 2B. Seen in his **RESPONSE** to Saul - 12-19
 - 1C. He gave him a chance to explain - 15
 - 2C. He already knew that Saul had built a monument to himself - 12
 - 3C. He reminded Saul of God's grace in choosing him - 17
 - 4C. He confronted Saul with his disobedience - 19
- 1A. *The **COMMAND** of God was clear- 1-3*
- 2A. *The **COMPROMISE** of Saul and the people revealed their spiritual problem - 4-9*
- 3A. *The **CONCERN** of Samuel reveals the kind of person he was 10-19*
- 4A. **THE CONSEQUENCES REVEAL THE PRIORITY OF OBEDIENCE - 20-23**
 - 1B. Saul's **EXCUSES** reveal that obedience is not a priority with him - 20-21
 - 2B. God's **EVALUATIONS** reveal the priority of obedience - 22-23
Psalm 40:6-8; 51:16-17; Proverbs 21:2-3; Micah 6:6-8.
- 5A. **THE CONFESSION OF SAUL COULD NOT CHANGE THINGS - 24-31**
(REMINDS US OF THE TEMPORAL CONSEQUENCES OF SIN)
 - 1B. His **REASON** for doing it made no difference - 24
"Because I feared the people and listened to their voice."
 - 2B. His **REACTION** to Samuel would not change things - 25-28
He is desperate in seizing his robe.
 - 3B. His **REJECTION** by God would not be changed by God Himself - 29
Cf. ***Numbers 23:19.***
 - 4B. His **RETURN** to the Lord was good, but it would not change things - 31
- 6A. **THE CHARACTER OF SAMUEL DEMONSTRATED THAT OBEDIENCE TO GOD WAS HIS PRIORITY - 32-35**
What he did, he did "before the Lord" - 33
He went to Ramah where he had built an altar before cf. ***1 Samuel 7:17.***

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 20
“How God Evaluates”
1 Samuel 16:1-23

His ways are not our ways; we need to rely upon Him to lead us and guide us; to help us make the right decisions. Three things in this chapter reveal our need to trust God to direct us and lead us in all that we do.

- 1A. HIS COMMAND TO SAMUEL - 1-5
- 2A. HIS CHOICE OF DAVID - 6-13
- 3A. HIS CONTROL OF SAUL - 14-23

1A. HIS COMMAND TO SAMUEL - 1-5
Cf. *1 Samuel 13:13-14*

1B. The REASONS why Samuel was hesitating - 1-2

1C. The Failure of Saul - 1
Cf. *15:26-28*

Our disappointments must be turned over to a sovereign God who knows what He is doing.

2C. The Fear of Saul - 2
“*He will kill me.*”

There is often risk involved in following the Lord. We don't always know how things will turn out, we are forced to trust Him. Cf. *Exodus 3:11-21; Matthew 10:28.*

2B. The REQUIREMENT of obedience
Verse 1 - “Fill your horn with oil and go.”

“*I will send you*” *Ruth 4:18-22.*

Jesse - “*I will show you what you shall do*” - *verse 3*

What more do we need? *Exodus 4:15; Luke 21:14-15.*

Both guidance and instruction is promised by God.
Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 32:8; 119:105.

" HOW GOD EVALUATES "
Message No. 20 - 1 Samuel 16:1-23

1A. His COMMAND to Samuel - 1-5

2A. HIS CHOICE OF DAVID - 6-13

1B. Three things are learned from this story

1C. His Standards are different from ours - 6-10

1D. We do not know what He knows - 6

We have no right to say that something is God's will if we have no instruction from God that it is so. *James 4:13-17.*

2D. We do not see what God sees - 7

Cf. Saul - *1 Samuel 10:23-24*; Absalom - *2 Samuel 14:25*; *Isaiah 55: 8-9*; *Psalms 147:10-11.*

2C. His Selection emphasizes His power and our weakness - 11

"The youngest, and behold, he is tending the sheep." -Cf. *1 Corinthians 1:26-29.* Cf. *1 Chronicles 17:7*; *Psalms 78:70-72.*

3C. His Spirit would make the difference - 13

Cf. *Isaiah 61:1* and *Hebrews 1:9* - type of Jesus Christ.

3A. HIS CONTROL OF SAUL - 14-23

1B. In SENDING an evil spirit - 14

Cf. *18:10*; *19:9*; *1 Kings 22:19-23*

2B. In SEEKING a Man to play the harp - 15-17

3B. In SUPPLYING the man who would one day take the place of Saul - 18
God uses all of our skills and talents for His glory and purposes.

4B. In SATISFYING his need and causing him to respond well to David - 21-23

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 21

“How to Defeat Goliath”

1 Samuel 17:1-58

- 1A. THE **CHALLENGE** OF GOLIATH SEEMED TOO GREAT TO FACE - 1-11
- 2A. THE **CIRCUMSTANCES** THAT BROUGHT DAVID TO THE BATTLE - 12-27
- 3A. THE **CRITICISM** WHICH DAVID RECEIVED - 28-30
- 4A. THE **CONFIDENCE** WHICH DAVID FELT - 31-40
- 5A. THE **CONFRONTATION** WITH GOLIATH SEEMED OVERWHELMING - 41-49
- 6A. THE **CONQUEST** OF GOLIATH AND THE PHILISTINES - 50-58

1A. THE **CHALLENGE** OF GOLIATH SEEMED TOO GREAT TO FACE - 1-11

1B. His **ARMIES** - 1

“The Philistines gathered their armies for battle”

More than just one army. (cf. 13:5).

2B. His **APPEARANCE** - 4

“Six cubits and a span”

about 17 or 18 inches to a cubit, a span about 9 inches or so. About 9 1/2 feet tall; over two feet taller than Jabbar of the Lakers.

3B. His **ARMOR** - 5-7

His scale armor would weigh about 150 pounds and the head of his spear about 18 pounds.

4B. His **ATTITUDE** - 8-10

Verse 10: “I defy the ranks of Israel this day”

The result: *“they were dismayed and greatly afraid”* verse 11

2A. THE **CIRCUMSTANCES** THAT BROUGHT DAVID TO THE BATTLE - 12-27

1B. The **INSTRUCTION** of his father - 12-19

2B. The **INABILITY** of the men of Israel to face Goliath - 20-25

Verse 24: “They fled from him and were greatly afraid”

A crisis often becomes the arena in which spiritual leadership is developed and revealed! -The result: “Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?” -Their fear was the result of looking at the enemy; his faith was the result of looking at the living God!

"HOW TO DEFEAT GOLIATH"
Message No. 21 - 1 Samuel 17:1-58

1A. The CHALLENGE of Goliath seemed too great to face - 1-11

2A. The CIRCUMSTANCES that brought David to the battle - 12-27

3A. THE CRITICISM WHICH DAVID RECEIVED - 28-30

1B. He was ACCUSED of wrong priorities *"left those few sheep"*

2B. He was ATTACKED for wrong motives *"insolence, wickedness of heart"*

4A. THE CONFIDENCE WHICH DAVID FELT - 31-40

1B. Seen in his ACCEPTANCE of this challenge - 32
"Your servant will go and fight"

2B. Seen in his ASSURANCE of God's power - 34-37
"Lion or bear" verse 37.

3B. Seen in his ATTITUDE toward Saul's armor - 38-40
"I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them"

5A. THE CONFRONTATION SEEMED OVERWHELMING - 41-49

1B. The REBUKE of the enemy - 41-44

2B. The REASONS of David - 45-47

1C. To Honor the name of God - 45

2C. To Spread the knowledge of God - 46

3C. To Exalt the power of God - 47

3B. The RESULTS - 48-49
"He fell on his face to the ground"

6A. THE CONQUEST OF GOLIATH AND THE PHILISTINES - 50-58

1B. It EXHIBITED the power of God through one life - 50-51

2B. It ENCOURAGED the men of Israel - 52-54

3B. It ESTABLISHED David in his relationship to Saul - 55-58

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 22

“What jealousy Will Do”

1 Samuel 18:1-30

The English word “jealousy” in KJV appears 45 times, but the Hebrew word “qana” appears in its various forms over 80 times, translated as “envious, zealous, or jealous.” The New Testament word comes from the Greek word “zeloo,” which is used in its various forms over 35 times and is translated as (zeal, envy, desire, covet, and “jealousy”)

The Greeks have another word for “**envy**” (“phthonos”) and they make a distinction between envy and jealousy. Envy desires to deprive another of what he has. Jealousy desires to have the same things for yourself.

Jealousy is described as carnality in ***1 Corinthians 3:3*** and as a part of the lusts of the flesh in ***Romans 13:13-14***, as well as the works of the flesh in ***Galatians 5:20***. ***1 Corinthians 13:4*** says categorically that God's love is not jealous.

- 1A. JEALOUSY **DEVELOPS** WHEN PEOPLE RESPOND TO OTHERS MORE THAN TO YOU -1-9
- 2A. JEALOUSY **DESTROYS** OUR ABILITY TO REACT PROPERLY TO THE BLESSINGS OF OTHERS - 10-16
- 3A. JEALOUSY **DEVISES** PLANS BY WHICH OTHERS WILL BE PUT DOWN -17-29
- 4A. JEALOUSY **DEFEATS** ITSELF BECAUSE GOD KNOWS OUR HEARTS AND WILL VINDICATE HIS SERVANTS - 30

- 1A. JEALOUSY **DEVELOPS** WHEN PEOPLE RESPOND TO OTHERS MORE THAN THEY RESPOND TO YOU -1-9

1B. Seen in the **AFFECTION** of Jonathan for David -1-4

2B. Seen in the **ACHIEVEMENTS** of David - 5a

3B. seen in the **ACCEPTANCE** of David by the people - 5b

4B. Seen in the **ATTITUDES** of Saul - 6-9

1C. He was angry - 8

1D. Because David was honored in a greater way - 8b

2D. Because David was a threat to his leadership - 8c

2C. He was suspicious - 9

KJV: “***Saul eyed David***” Hebrew word “***ayin***” refers to the eye.

"WHAT JEALOUSY WILL DO"

Message No. 22 - 1 Samuel 18:1-30

2A. JEALOUSY **DESTROYS** OUR ABILITY TO REACT PROPERLY TO THE BLESSINGS OF OTHERS - 10-16

Cf. *James 3;14-16; Proverbs 6:17-18*

1B. He lost **CONTROL** of his emotions - 10-11

2B. He lost **CONFIDENCE** in his abilities - 12

"For the Lord was with him (David) but had departed from Saul."

3B. He lost **COURAGE** before David himself - 15-16

"He (Saul) dreaded him" others "loved" him (David)

God will bring people to you who will provide the love you need. Lots of words for "*fear*" and being "*afraid*," but the one used here ("gur") appears about 10 times: *Deuteronomy 1:17; 18:22; Psalm 22:23*. -"*Stand in awe*", referring to the Lord.

3A. JEALOUSY **DEVICES** PLANS BY WHICH OTHERS WILL BE PUT DOWN - 17-29

1B. These plans lead to lying and deception - 17a, 22

2B. These plans are based on wrong motives - 17b, 21, 25

3B. These plans result in greater insecurity and conflict - 29

4A. JEALOUSY **DEFEATS** ITSELF BECAUSE GOD KNOWS OUR HEARTS AND WILL VINDICATE HIS SERVANTS - 30

"So his name was highly esteemed"

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 22

“The Blessing of Friendship”

1 Samuel 19:1-20:42

THIS STORY IS A REMINDER OF THE TRUTH OF PROVERBS 18:24

“there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”

What is involved in such a friendship?

1A. A STRONG **COMMITMENT**

2A. A DEEP **CONCERN** FOR HIS SAFETY AND WELL-BEING - 11-24

1A. A STRONG **COMMITMENT**

1B. To love your friend as you love yourself

“Friend” in verse 1 means ***“greatly delighted”*** *Psalm 1:2; 22:8; 37:23; 40:8; 1 Samuel 18:22* Cf. *1 Samuel 18:1-4; 20:17; Proverbs 17:17.*

2B. To be loyal to your friend - 1-7

Involves protection and defending him against wrong accusations and actions!

Verse 4: “spoke well of David.” Cf. *Phil. 2:18-22; Song of Solomon 8.6-7; Hebrews 13:5-6; 2 Timothy 2:13; 4:16-18; 2 Peter 1:3-5.*

2A. A DEEP **CONCERN** FOR HIS SAFETY AND WELL-BEING - 11-24

1B. In the case of **MICHAL** - 11-17

“Household idol” *verse 13*

Suggests her heart and life was not what it should be. In a crisis, she lied (***verse 17***) about what David said he would do. The friendship ended at that point! She was afraid for her own life!

Our Lord was willing to die for us!

2B. In the case of **SAMUEL** - 18-24

The difference here is the presence of the Spirit of God. This could well have been one more gracious invitation and demonstration to Saul from God that it was not too late to repent and get right with God!

"THE BLESSING OF FRIENDSHIP"

Message No. 23 - 1 Samuel 19:1-20:42

- 1A. A strong COMMITMENT
- 2A. A deep CONCERN for his safety and well-being - 11-24
 - 1B. In the case of MICHAL - 11-17
 - 2B. In the case of SAMUEL - 18-24
- 3B. Honest COMMUNICATION - 20:1-13
 - Verse 4:** "Whatever you say, I will do for you."
 - Verse 9:** "For if I should indeed learn that evil has been decided by my father to come upon you, then would I not tell you about it?"
 - Verse 13** (cf. *Proverbs 26:28*).
- 4B. Enduring COMPANIONSHIP - 20:14-17
 - 1 Corinthians 13:8** "Love never fails" Cf. **2 Samuel 9:1,3,7,13**.
- 5B. Wise COUNSEL - 20:18-40
 - Counsel that was concerned for the safety and welfare of his friend - **verse 21**
 - Counsel that would involve further loss and sacrifice to Jonathan **verses 30-31, 33**.
 - Counsel that was not shared with others: **verse 39. Proverbs 17:9; 18:8**.
 - Counsel that was there when you needed it.
Cf. **1 Samuel 23:15-18; Proverbs 17:17**.
- 6B. Tender COMPASSION - 20:41-42
 - Reminder of **Acts 20:36-38**

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 24

“THE COST OF LOYALTY”

1 Samuel 21:1-22:23

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE “LOYAL” TO YOUR FRIEND?

- 1A. TO **PROVIDE** FOR THE NEEDS OF YOUR FRIEND - 1-9
- 2A. TO **PROTECT** THE LIFE OF YOUR FRIEND - 21:10-22:5
- 3A. TO **FACE** THE ACCUSATIONS OF OTHERS IN BEHALF OF YOUR FRIEND - 22:6-13
- 4A. TO **DEFEND** THE CHARACTER OF YOUR FRIEND - 22:14-15
- 5A. TO **DIE** FOR YOUR FRIEND - 22:16-19
- 6A. TO **GIVE** ASSURANCE TO YOUR FRIEND OF YOUR SUPPORT AND PRESENCE - 20-23

1A. TO **PROVIDE** FOR THE NEEDS OF YOUR FRIEND - 1-9

Cf. *Proverbs 17:17; 1 John 3:17-18; James 2:15-17*

1B. He (Ahimelech) was concerned for the **PHYSICAL** welfare of his friend – 1
“*Ahimelech*” “my brother is King” (cf. *1 Samuel 14:3, 18* - Ahijah - *22:20*).

2B. He was concerned for the **SPIRITUAL** welfare of his friend - 4-5
He did not want to violate God's law, nor to have David sin.
Cf. *Deuteronomy 23:35; Matthew 12:1-8* (did David sin?). - The Law:
Leviticus 24:5-9; Exodus 20:10 (cf. *16:22-30*).

Note: The first need was met by the sword of Goliath, the second need by the
“bread of the Presence”: *1 Samuel 21:7; Psalm 52; Matthew 12;*
Numbers 28:9.

2A. TO **PROTECT** THE LIFE OF YOUR FRIEND - 21:10-22:5

1B. The **PROBLEM** David faced - 10-23
Cf. *Psalm 34* (acrostic: 22 letters)

Psalm 56 - “Mikhtam” - to cover - protection

2B. The **PEOPLE** who identified with him - 22:1-2
Cf. *Psalm 57:1; Samuel 22:1*

Three characteristics:

1C. **Distress**

2C. **Debt**

"THE COST OF LOYALTY"
Message No. 24 - 1 Samuel 21:1-22:23

- 1B. The PROBLEM David faced - 10-15
- 2B. The PEOPLE who identified with him - 22:1-2
 - 1C. Distress
 - 2C. Debt
 - 3C. Discontent
- 3B. The PLACE of safety for his family - 3-4
David was concerned for his parents during this time!
- 3B. The PRESSURE to leave - 5
- 1A. To PROVIDE for the needs of your friend - 1-9
- 2A. To PROTECT the life of your friend - 21:10-22:5
- 3A. TO FACE THE ACCUSATIONS OF OTHERS IN BEHALF OF YOUR FRIEND - 22:6-13
- 4A. TO DEFEND THE CHARACTER OF YOUR FRIEND - 22:14-15
- 5A. TO DIE FOR YOUR FRIEND - 22:16-19
Cf. *1 John 3:16; John 15:13; Psa. 52*
- 6A. TO GIVE ASSURANCE TO YOUR FRIEND OF YOUR SUPPORT AND PRESENCE - 20-23

Note: *verse 23* - illustrates our Lord!

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 25

“God Will Take Care of You”

1 Samuel 23:1-29

Four ways this principle is seen in this chapter.

1A. SEEN IN THE **ENCOUNTER** WITH THE PHILISTINES AT KEILAH - 1-5

2A. SEEN IN THE **ESCAPE** FROM KEILAH - 6-14

3A. SEEN IN THE **ENCOURAGEMENT** OF JONATHAN - 15-18

4A. SEEN IN THE **ENTRANCE** OF SAUL INTO DAVID'S HIDING PLACE - 19-29

1A. SEEN IN THE **ENCOUNTER** WITH THE PHILISTINES AT KEILAH - 1-5

1B. David's **COMMITMENT** to inquire of the Lord - 2

Cf. *2 Samuel 5:19, 23; 2:1; Jeremiah 33:3; Psalm 50:15; Isaiah 55:6-9*

2B. David's **CONCERN** for others - 3-4

“We are afraid” cf. *Joshua 11:6-9*

3B. David's **CONQUEST** - 5

Psalm 68:19-20

2A. SEEN IN THE **ESCAPE** FROM KEILAH - 6-14

1B. The **CIRCUMSTANCES** facing David - 6-8

A good time for the Lord to prove His power and faithfulness to us!

2B. His **CALL** upon God - 9-12

“Bring the ephod here.” His desire to worship the Lord. A prayer asking for God's Will!

3B. God's **CARE** of David - 14b

The pressures from Saul continued every day! He cannot run away from it!

3A. SEEN IN THE **ENCOURAGEMENT** OF JONATHAN - 15-18

“To strengthen” KJV

1B. The **NEED** for that encouragement - 15

Cf. *Ephesians 6:10-12*

2B. The **NATURE** of that encouragement - 17-18

“Encouraged” - to strengthen, harden - cf. *2 Timothy 2:1-4; 4:16-18*

"GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU"

Message No. 25 - 1 Samuel 23:1-29

- 1A. SEEN IN THE ENCOUNTER WITH THE PHILISTINES AT KEILAH - 1-5
- 2A. SEEN IN THE ESCAPE FROM KEILAH - 6-14
- 3A. SEEN IN THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF JONATHAN - 15-18
- 4A. SEEN IN THE ENTRANCE OF SAUL INTO DAVID'S HIDING PLACE - 19-29
 - 1B. The DECEIT of the Ziphites - 19-21
Cf. *1 Samuel 26:1 and Psalm 54*
Maskil - contemplative or didactic poem
 - 2B. The DESIRE of Saul - 22-23
 - 3B. The DANGER David faced - 24-26
Cf. *Psalm 17:6-15*
 - 4B. The DELIVERANCE they experienced - 27-29
Cf. *Psalm 91*

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 26
“Leave it to God”
1 Samuel 24:1-22

- 1A. **REALIZE** THE TEMPTATION TO TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS - 1-4
- 2A. **RECOGNIZE** YOUR ACCOUNTABILITY TO GOD FOR WHAT YOU DO - 5-6
- 3A. **RESPOND** WITH OBEDIENCE AND SUBMISSION TO GOD - 7-8
- 4A. **REFUSE** TO VIOLATE GOD’S WORD AND WILL - 9-15
- 5A. **REMEMBER** WHAT GOD CAN DO WHEN WE LEAVE THE MATTER IN HIS HANDS - 16-22

- 1A. **REALIZE** THE TEMPTATION TO TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS - 1-4

Verse 1 “Engedi” (23:28-29) “Rock of Escape”

Verse 3 “Cave” (cf. *Psalm 57* and *142*)

- 2A. **RECOGNIZE** YOUR ACCOUNTABILITY TO GOD FOR WHAT YOU DO - 5-6

1B. David’s **REACTION** - 5
“Conscience” heart struck Cf. *2 Samuel 24:10* and *2 Kings 22:19*

2B. David’s **REASON** - 6
Cf. *Romans 12:17-21*

- 3A. **RESPOND** WITH OBEDIENCE AND SUBMISSION TO GOD - 7-8
Verse 8 “bowed” (cf. *1 Peter 2:13, 17*)

- 4A. **REFUSE** TO VIOLATE GOD’S WORD AND WILL - 9-15
Verse 9 (cf. *Proverbs 17:4; 25:5; 29:12*)

1B. The **OPPORTUNITY** was there - 10a

2B. His **OBEDIENCE** to God was the key - 10b-11

3B. The **OUTCOME** was left to God - 12-15
“Plead my cause.”

Cf. *Psalm 35:1; 43:1; 119:154.*

"LEAVE IT TO GOD"
Message No. 26 - 1 Samuel 24:1-22

- 1A. REALIZE THE TEMPTATION TO TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS - 1-4
- 2A. RECOGNIZE YOUR ACCOUNTABILITY TO GOD FOR WHAT YOU DO - 5-6
- 3A. RESPOND WITH OBEDIENCE AND SUBMISSION TO GOD - 7-8
- 4A. REFUSE TO VIOLATE GOD'S WORD AND WILL - 9-15
- 5A. REMEMBER WHAT GOD CAN DO WHEN WE LEAVE THE MATTER IN HIS HANDS - 16-22
 - 1B. Seen in the CONCERN of Saul - 16b
"Wept" - but so did Esau (*Hebrews 12:16-17*) and Judas (*Matthew 27:3*) - "felt remorse." Cf. *2 Corinthians 7:9-11*
 - 2B. Seen in the CONFESSION of Saul - 17-18
Cf. *Proverbs 26:24-25; 28:13; Matthew 10:16-17*
 - 3B. Seen in the CONFIDENCE Saul had concerning the will of God - 19-20
Cf. *Proverbs 25:21-22* "Lord will reward you" *Psalms 18:20*
 - 4B. Seen in the COMMITMENT David made to Saul - 21-22
Cf. *2 Samuel 21:7*

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 27

“Do Not Seek Revenge”

1 Samuel 25:1-44

- 1A. THE **REQUEST** DAVID ASKED OF NABAL -1-8
- 2A. THE **REFUSAL** OF NABAL TO HELP - 9-13
- 3A. THE **REACTION** OF DAVID WHICH ABIGAIL WAS FACING - 14-22
- 4A. THE **REASONING** OF ABIGAIL TO DAVID - 23-31
- 5A. THE **RESPONSE** OF DAVID - 32-35
- 6A. THE **REVENGE** WHICH THE LORD BROUGHT - 36-38
- 7A. THE **RESULTS** WHICH DAVID EXPERIENCED - 39-44

Samuel died and all Israel mourned. They mourned for both Aaron and Moses 30 days – ***Num. 20; Deut. 34. King Josiah 2 Chron. 35:20. Cf. Zech. 12:10***

1A. THE **REQUEST** DAVID ASKED OF NABAL -1-8

1B. The **BACKGROUND** on this man - 2-3

1C. His **Wealth**
“*very rich*”

2C. His **Wife**
“*intelligent and beautiful*”

3C. His **Ways**
“*harsh and evil*”

2B. The **BASIS** of David's request - 4-8

2A. THE **REFUSAL** OF NABAL TO HELP - 9-13

1B. His attitude **REVEALED** the kind of man he was - 9-11

2B. His attitude **RESULTED** in David's decision to seek revenge - 12-13

3A. THE **REACTION** OF DAVID WHICH ABIGAIL WAS FACING - 14-22

1B. The **PROBLEM** she faced - 14-17

2B. The **PREPARATION** she made - 18-20

3B. The **PLANS** of David - 21-22

"DON'T SEEK REVENGE"
Message No. 27 - 1 Samuel 25:1-44

- 1A. THE REQUEST DAVID ASKED OF NABAL -1-8
- 2A. THE REFUSAL OF NABAL TO HELP - 9-13
- 3A. THE REACTION OF DAVID WHICH ABIGAIL WAS FACING - 14-22
- 4A. THE REASONING OF ABIGAIL TO DAVID - 23-31
 - 1B. She ACTED with humility - 23
 - 2B. She ACCEPTED the blame - 24-25
 - 3B. She ASKED forgiveness - 28
 - 4B. She ANALYZED the possible future consequences to David - 29-31
- 5A. THE RESPONSE OF DAVID - 32-35
 - 1B. He RECOGNIZED God's hand in it - 32, 34
 - 2B. He REALIZED Abigail's discernment - 33
- 6A. THE REVENGE WHICH THE LORD BROUGHT - 36-38
- 7A. THE RESULTS WHICH DAVID EXPERIENCED - 39-44
 - 1B. The Lord PROTECTED David - 39a
 - 2B. The Lord PUNISHED Nabal - 39b
 - 3B. The Lord PROVIDED David a wife - 39c-42
to replace Michal - verse 44

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 28

“How God Protects You”

1 Samuel 26:1-27:12

- 1A. *IN HIS **ENCOUNTER** WITH SAUL - 1-25*
- 2A. *IN HIS **EXPERIENCE** WITH THE PHILISTINES - 27:1-12*

1A. *IN HIS **ENCOUNTER** WITH SAUL - 1-25*

- 1B. He **REALIZED** Saul was after him - 1-5
Cf. *Psalm 38:12-13; 140:1-13*

- 2B. He **REFUSED** to attack Saul - 6-12
Abishai, Joab, and Asahel - sons of Zeruiah, David's sister.

verse 7: Abner, captain of the host, son of Ner, brother of Kich, Saul's father.

Abner is Saul's cousin (*2 Samuel 2:8-10*) took Ishboshek, son of Samuel, and made him king. Cf. *Heb. 12:15-17*

Killed by joab and Abishai for killing Asahel.

Verse 8: “delivered” (shut up) - *Deuteronomy 32:30*.

Verse 10: Psalm 37:10, 13.

- 3B. He **REBUKED** Abner for his lack of protection for Saul - 13-16
- 4B. He **REASONED** with Saul - 17
regarding his motives - *Verses 18-29* (cf. *Psalm 35:7-28; 69:4*).
- 5B. He **REESTABLISHED** his commitment to Saul - 21-25

- 1C. Saul's **Confession** - 21
Cf. *1 Samuel 15:24, 30; 24:17*.

- 2C. David's **Confidence** in the Lord - 22-24
Verse 23 (cf. *Psalm 7:8 ff; 18*).

- 3C. Saul's **Counsel** to David - 25

"HOW GOD PROTECTS YOU"
Message No. 28 - 1 Samuel 26:1-27:12

- 1A. *IN HIS ENCOUNTER WITH SAUL* - 1-25
2A. *IN HIS EXPERIENCE WITH THE PHILISTINES* - 27:1-12

1B. David's REASON - 1-4
Cf. *Proverbs 3:5-6; Psa. 56:8; 2 Tim. 2:13*

2B. David's REQUEST - 5-7

3B. David's RAIDS - 8-12
Geshurites: *Joshua 13:2, 13*

Girzites: *Joshua 16:10*

Amalekites: *Exodus 17:14-16* (cf. *1 Samuel 30:1, 17*)

jerahmeelites: son of Hezron, son of Pharez, born to Judah and Tamar
(great grandson).

Kenites: *1 Samuel 15:6; Judges 1:16.*

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 29
“How God Speaks”
1 Samuel 28:1-25

- 1A. THE **REASONS** BEHIND SAUL’S ACTIONS - 3-6
- 2A. THE **REQUEST** OF SAUL FOR A MEDIUM - 7-8
- 3A. THE **RESPONSE** OF THE MEDIUM - 9-14
- 4A. THE **REBUKE** OF SAMUEL - 15-19
- 5A. THE **RESULTS** SAUL EXPERIENCED - 20-25
- 6A. LESSON - 1 CHRONICLES 10:13-14

1A. THE **REASONS** BEHIND SAUL’S ACTIONS - 3-6
Verse 3 cf. 1 Samuel 25:1.

1B. The **SITUATION** facing him with the Philistines - 4-5
Shunem - valley of Jezreel *Joshua 19:18.*

Belongs to Issachar (Elisha/woman) *2 Kings 4:8*

Verse 5 - fear: *Job 185, 11* - wicked.

Proverbs 29:25 (cf. *Luke 12:4-5*).

2B. The **SILENCE** of God - 6
Cf. *1 Samuel 14:37; Isaiah 59:1-2; Psalm 66:18; Proverbs 1:27-28.*

2A. THE **REQUEST** OF SAUL FOR A MEDIUM - 7-8
Cf. *verse 3b; Leviticus 19:31; 20:6, 17;*

Deuteronomy 18:9-13; Isaiah 8:19-20; 1 Chronicles 10:13-14 (at end).

3A. THE **RESPONSE** OF THE MEDIUM - 9-14

1B. Over the **POSSIBILITY** of death - 9-10

2B. Over the **PRESENCE** of Samuel - 11-14

1C. Her **Anxiety** - 12-13a

“Cried with a loud voice.”

“Do not be afraid.”

She expected something else to happen (cf. *1 Kings 22:22*: “lying spirits”)

"HOW GOD SPEAKS"
Message No. 29 - 1 Samuel 28:1-25

2C. Samuel's **Appearance** - 13b-14a

1D. "A divine being coming up out of the earth" - 13b

2D. "An old man ... wrapped with a robe" - 14a
1 Samuel 15:27 - Torn robe?

3C. Saul's **Acknowledgement** of Samuel - 14b

1A. *THE REASONS BEHIND SAUL'S ACTIONS* - 3-6

2A. *THE REQUEST OF SAUL FOR A MEDIUM* - 7-8

3A. *THE RESPONSE OF THE MEDIUM* - 9-14

4A. THE **REBUKE** OF SAMUEL - 15-19

1B. Saul's **PURPOSE** was ignoring the resistance of God Himself - 15-16
"God has departed from me" *1 Samuel 16:14; 18:12.*

2B. Samuel's **PROPHECY** was coming to pass - 17-18
1 Samuel 15:28

3B. Saul's **PUNISHMENT** would be greater - 19

5A. THE **RESULTS** SAUL EXPERIENCED - 20-25

1B. Fear - 20a
Cf. *Job 15:20-24*

2B. Weakness - 20b

3B. Bitterness - 23
Cf. *1 Kings 21:4*

6A. **LESSON** - 1 CHRONICLES 10:13-14

1B. Obedience to God

2B. Dependency upon God

FIRST SAMUEL

Message No. 30

“Trust God for the Victory”

1 Samuel 29:1-31:3

This principle which has been developed throughout the book of 1 Samuel, shown in the lives of Saul and David, is now revealed again in the last three chapters of the book. We must depend completely upon the power and protection of God. He will give us the victory!

1A. SEEN IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH CAUSED DAVID TO RETURN TO ZIKLAG - 29:1-11

2A. SEEN IN THE CONQUEST OF THE AMALEKITES - 30:1-31

3A. SEEN IN THE CONSEQUENCES UPON SAUL - 31:1-13

1A. SEEN IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH CAUSED DAVID TO RETURN TO ZIKLAG - 29:1-11

1B. The REASONS that brought David to the Philistines were used by God to accomplish His purposes
Cf. 27:1-12 Psa. 56:8

1C. His Anxiety over Saul - 1

2C. His Acquiring of Ziklag - 6

3C. His Attack on the Amalekites - 8

2B. The REACTION of the Philistine commanders did not seem fair - 3-5
Verse 4 (cf. 1 Samuel 14:21).
Verse 5 (1 Samuel 18:7; 21:11).

3B. The REASSURANCE of Achish concerning David's loyalty could not change the circumstances (29:6-11).
Verse 9 “angel of God” (cf. 2 Samuel 14:17, 20; 2 Samuel 19:27).

2A. SEEN IN THE CONQUEST OF THE AMALEKITES - 30:1-31
Cf. Exodus 17:8-16; Deuteronomy 25:17-19; 1 Samuel 15:2-3, 7-9, 18-23.

Six factors in the plan of God

1B. The RAID of the Amalekites on Ziklag - 30:1-6
Verse 4: sometimes what we see as a tragedy is simply another factor in the plan of God!

"TRUST GOD FOR THE VICTORY"

Message No. 30 - 1 Samuel 29:1-31:13

- 2B. David's **RELIANCE** upon the Lord - 30:7-8
1 Samuel 22:20-23; 23:6,9 - Abiathar-one of the priests who escaped.
Doeg the Edomite killed 85 priests: *1 Samuel 22:18; Psalm 50:15; 91:15.*
- 3B. The **REPORT** of an Egyptian - 30:11-15
- 4B. The **RESULTS** of battle - 30:16-20
- 5B. David's **RESPONSE** concerning the 200 men with the baggage - 30:21-25
Cf. *Numbers 31:27; Joshua 22:8.*
- 6B. David's **REMEMBRANCE** of his friends - 30:26-31
- 1A. *SEEN IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH CAUSED DAVID TO RETURN TO ZIKLAG - 29:1-11*
- 2A. *SEEN IN THE CONQUEST OF THE AMALEKITES - 30:1-31*
- 3A. SEEN IN THE **CONSEQUENCES** UPON SAUL - 31:1-13
 - 1B. The **DEATH** of his army, his sons and himself - 31:1-6
Cf. David's lament - *2 Samuel 1:17-27.*
 - 2B. The **DEFEAT** of Israel - 31:7
 - 3B. The **DISGRACE** upon Saul and Israel - 31:8-10
 - 4B. The **DEDICATION** of the men of Jabesh Gilead - 31:11-13
Cf. *1 Samuel 11; 2 Samuel 2:4-7; 21:12-14.*