

Israel Gets a King

1 Samuel 8-10

Setting:

- **Testament:**
- **Division:**
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Examining the Scriptures:

1. What were the names of Samuel's sons who judged in Beersheba?
2. What did Samuel warn the Israelites that a king would do with their daughters?
3. How much of the Israelite's seed did Samuel warn a king would take?
4. How did the people react to Samuel's warning about having a king?
5. Who was the father of Kish?
6. Who asked Saul "Please tell me what Samuel said to you."

7. Where did Saul find the men who told him his donkeys had been found?

8. What did God do to Saul when he turned his back to leave Samuel?

9. What distinguished Saul from all the other people?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. Israel's mistake was that they wanted a king to accomplish what God could have done. How does man make the same mistake today?
2. Will God allow man to make decisions that are not good for him? Name a decision that man can make (allowed by God) that is not good for him?
3. What characteristic of Saul is important in any leader?

Memory Work:

1 Samuel 12:24

*"Only fear the LORD and serve Him in truth with all your heart;
for consider what great things He has done for you."*

Saul King / Samuel Exhorts

1 Samuel 11-12

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. What did the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead offer Nahash if he would make a covenant with them?
2. What did Nahash require of the Israelites to make a covenant?
3. What was Saul's reaction to the news about Jabesh-gilead?
4. How many fighting men did Saul assemble to war against Nahash?
5. About how long did the battle between the Ammonites and the Israelites last?
6. Who did Samuel say appointed Moses and Aaron?

7. Who was the captain of the army of Hazor?
8. Who was Israel's king when they said "No, but a king shall reign over us."?
9. What evil did the Israelite's ask Samuel to pray about so that they might not die?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. What happens when we put our trust in man rather than in God?
2. Why did Saul require that men from all tribes come to fight against Nahash?
3. What characteristics did Saul have that we should copy into our lives?

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Saul Sins / Jonathan Saved

1 Samuel 13-14

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. How long did Saul reign over Israel?
2. How many chariots did the Philistines bring to the fight against Israel and where did they camp?
3. How long did Saul wait at Gilgal for Samuel?
4. How many men did Saul have with him at Gibeah?
5. Why didn't Israel have any blacksmiths?
6. Who was the father of Ahijah?

7. What did Jonathan say the Lord was not restrained by?
8. How many men did Jonathan and his armor bearer kill on their first "slaughter"?
9. What oath had Saul put the soldiers of Israel under?
10. What punishment did Saul say Jonathan would get for eating some honey?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. Why is it important to do things the way God authorizes? Can you think of some things the denominational churches do that are not authorized by God?
2. What attitude made David acceptable to God and what attitude made Saul unacceptable to God?
3. What did Jonathan know about God that was one of the main reasons he was successful in battle against the Philistines. What does that mean to us today?

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God Rejects Saul

1 Samuel 15

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. Who did the Lord say he would punish because "he set himself against him on the way while he was coming up from Egypt"?
2. Where did Saul number the army of Israel?
3. What people did Saul tell to leave for their own safety?
4. Why did the Lord regret that He had made Saul king?
5. What did Saul say when Samuel said "Wait, and let me tell you what the Lord said to me last night"?
6. What reason did Saul give Samuel for sinning?

7. What did Saul do when Samuel started to leave?

8. What did Samuel do to Agag at Gilgal?

9. After Samuel returned to Ramah and Saul to Gibeah, when did they meet again?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. What basic fact keeps us from questioning the actions of God?

2. How does one receive forgiveness of sins?

3. What are some examples in modern day religion of following "part" of God's law?

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David Anointed King

1 Samuel 16

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. To whom did God send Samuel with his horn full of oil?
2. What was Samuel to take to get away from the wrath of Saul?
3. How did the elders of Bethlehem receive Samuel and what question did they ask him?
4. Who was the first son of Jesse Samuel looked at?
5. How many of Jesse's sons passed before Samuel without being selected as the next king?
6. Who did Samuel anoint as the next king of Israel?

7. What therapy did Saul use when troubled by evil spirits?

8. What position did Saul give David because of his great love for him?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. How does sin affect a nation and what does that mean to us today?

2. What disposition or attitude do you see in Samuel that we should copy?

3. What lesson do we learn from Eliab who was good looking but not chosen?

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David Victor Over Goliath

1 Samuel 17

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. Where were the Philistines and Israelite armies encamped?
2. Where was Goliath's home?
3. Goliath offered to become a servant of the Israelites if they could do what?
4. How many sons did Jesse have?
5. What did Jesse have David take to his brothers?
6. What was the reaction of Eliab to David's question about Goliath?
7. What offer did David make to Saul concerning Goliath?

8. How did David kill the lion and bear?
9. How did David kill Goliath?
10. What did the Philistines do when they saw that Goliath was dead?
11. Who was the commander of the Israelite army?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. Think of some ways a Christian "has no fellowship with darkness".
2. What are some of the "giants" a Christian faces today?
3. David took off the armor Saul gave him. What are some things we should "take off" as we serve God today?

Memory Work:

1 Samuel 26:23a

"The LORD will repay each man for his righteousness and his faithfulness"

Jonathan and David

1 Samuel 18

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- **Testament:**
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Examining the Scriptures:

1. How much did Jonathan love David?
2. What did Jonathan give David?
3. How did Saul look at David from the time he became very angry over the women's song?
4. How did Saul attempt to kill David?
5. To whom did Saul give his older daughter to marry?

6. How many Philistines did David and his men kill to gain the hand of Michal?

7. Why was David's name "highly esteemed"?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. What are some things that make a person envious and show hatred towards another?
2. How can our hearts be hardened?
3. Do non-Christians look more closely at the actions of a Christian than others? What should we do about that?

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David Protected From Saul

1 Samuel 19-20

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. What did Saul vow after Jonathan defended David to him?
2. Who warned David of Saul's intent to kill him in 19:11?
3. When Saul's messengers came to get David, what did Michal tell them?
4. Where did the people at Secu tell Saul that David and Samuel were located?
5. What did David tell Jonathan to do if he found any iniquity in David?

6. What was the event in Bethlehem that was marked by the new moon?
7. What did Saul call Jonathan when he found that David was not at the feast?
8. When David and Jonathan separated, who wept more?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. When we are in danger, even to the point of death, what should we remember about the life of David?
2. What does hatred do to the one who has it in their heart? Think of Saul.
3. What is the result of disobeying God's commandments in just a "few" things?

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Saul Pursues David Insanely

1 Samuel 21-22

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. What was the name of the bread Ahimelech gave to David and his men to eat?
2. Who was chief of Saul's shepherds?
3. Why did Achish release David?
4. In what cave did David hide after being ejected from Gath?
5. Who told David not to stay in the cave but to leave for the land of Judah?
6. Who was Ahimelech's father?

7. How many men who wore the linen ephod did Doeg kill?

8. What kind of a city was Nob?

9. Who escaped the massacre in Nob and fled to David?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. If David could lie to protect himself from harm, why can't we as Christians lie today? Was it okay with God for David to lie?

2. What does God protect us from today?

3. What characteristic of Doeg should we avoid?

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God Guides David to Safety

1 Samuel 23

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. Whose "threshing floors" were being plundered by the Philistines?
2. What was the reaction of David's men to his orders to attack the Philistines?
3. Who was Abiathar's father?
4. How many men did David have when leaving Keilah?
5. Who encouraged David at Horesh?
6. Who told Saul that David was hiding at Horesh?

7. How close was Saul to David when the news of a Philistine attack came?

8. Where did David go from the "Rock of Escape"?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. If a person really believes with all his heart that God is with him, does that make it true?

2. Does the fact that God knows everything mean that man has no choice in life?

3. What are some characteristics of Jonathan's friendship with David that you would like your best friend to have?

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David Spares Saul's Life

1 Samuel 24

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. When Saul returned from fighting the Philistines, where was he told to find David?
2. How many men did Saul take to capture David?
3. What secret action did David take when in the same cave as Saul?
4. What did David do when Saul looked behind and saw him?
5. What was Saul's reaction to David's speech?

6. What did Saul "know" as result of the talk with David in this chapter?

7. What did Saul ask David to "swear" unto him?

8. Where did David and his men go after making the oath to Saul?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. What lesson do we learn from the way David treated Saul in the cave?

2. What attitude did David use with Saul that might help us today?

3. What attitudes made Saul so bad?

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Samuel Dies / Story of Abigail

1 Samuel 25

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. Where was Samuel buried?
2. What was the name of Nabal's wife?
3. Where was Nabal when David sent 10 young men to ask him for favor?
4. What question did Nabal ask the young men about David?
5. How many men did David take to fight Nabal?
6. Who was told of David's gracious treatment of Nabal's servants?
7. What did Abigail take to David?

8. Who did David say sent Abigail to him?
9. What happened to Nabal when Abigail told him what she had done?
10. How many days after Abigail told Nabal what she had done did he die?
11. Who was Ahinoam of Jezreel?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. In what way does God view death differently than mankind?
2. What were a couple of Nabal's faults?
3. Why can't men have several wives like David did?
4. Who are some godly women that have been important in your spiritual development?

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1 Samuel 26:23a

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David Spares Saul Again

1 Samuel 26-27

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. Where did the Ziphites tell Saul that David was hiding?
2. Where were Saul and Abner laying when David found them?
3. David said not to kill Saul because the Lord would either strike him, he should die naturally or what other way might he die?
4. About what did David criticize Abner?
5. What two things did David compare himself to insofar as Saul chasing him?
6. What proclamation did Saul make to David just before returning to his place?

7. What did David ask of Achish?

8. Where did David tell Achish he had raided?

9. What did Achish believe David would be for the rest of his life?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. What characteristic of Saul's confession is necessary in all acceptable confessions of sin?
2. How is it possible for us to change the place where we live?
3. What are some things happening in America that indicate God's displeasure with the nation?

Memory Work:

2 Samuel 7:28

*"Now, O Lord God, You are God, and Your words are truth,
and You have promised this good thing to Your servant."*

Saul and Medium / David Mistrusted

1 Samuel 28-29

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. What position did Achish give to David and how long was it to last?
2. What kind of woman did Saul want to meet with?
3. Who did Saul want to speak with?
4. Who was the "old man wrapped in a robe"?
5. What was Saul's physical reaction to the message he got from the dead prophet?
6. Where were the Philistine armies when Israel camped by the spring in Jezreel?

7. What did the Philistine army commanders want Achish to do with David?
8. Where did the Philistines go when David returned to the land of the Philistines?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. What are some disadvantages of telling lies?
2. Is it a sin to study and place confidence in one's horoscope?
3. What does it take to cut off communication with God?

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Saul and Sons Die in Battle

1 Samuel 30-31

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. What were the names of David's wives taken captive by the Amalekites?
2. Who was the priest, son of Ahimelech?
3. How many men did David leave at the brook Besor because of their exhaustion?
4. How many of the Amalekites escaped from David?
5. Did those who stayed behind at the brook of Besor receive a share of the spoils?
6. Upon what mountain did many of the Israelites die at the hands of the Philistines?
7. Which sons of Saul did the Philistines kill?

8. What did Saul ask his armor bearer to do when he (Saul) was wounded?
9. What did the Philistines do with the body of Saul?
10. Who came and rescued the body of Saul so that he might be properly buried?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. How do we keep from becoming bitter and discouraged from disappointments in life?
2. Think of some examples where the innocent suffers consequences from the sins of others.
3. Why is suicide a sin?

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David Learns of Saul's Death

2 Samuel 1

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. Where was David when the man out of Saul's camp came and told him that Jonathan and Saul were dead?
2. What did the Amalekite bring to David to prove Saul was dead?
3. What did David do to the Amalekite for "killing" Saul?
4. What song did David sing to lament Saul and Jonathan?
5. In what book was the song of lamentation written?

6. David said Jonathan and Saul were swifter than eagles and stronger than what?
7. David sang that the love of Jonathan was more pleasant to him than the love of who?
8. What did Saul ask his armor bearer to do when he (Saul) was wounded?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. What reaction are we to have when our enemies suffer and fall?
2. What are some of the relationships we are to respect in life?
3. What do we do with good advice from evil people?

Memory Work:

2 Samuel 7:28

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David King Over Judah

2 Samuel 2-3

Setting:

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. Where did God tell David to go?
2. Who were David's two wives?
3. Who did Abner, commander of Saul's army, set up as king over all Israel?
4. Where did the great contest between the 12 men of Abner and the 12 men of Joab occur?
5. Who chased Abner?
6. What did the soldiers do when Joab blew the trumpet?

7. Who was the concubine of Saul that Abner took?
8. Who was married to Michal when Isbosheth took her for David?
9. What did Joab do to Abner and why?
10. What did David do to please the people of Israel?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. What are some things that we believe in but cannot see?
2. What kind of respect should we have for governmental officials?
3. What did David do that helped him most in becoming a popular king?

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Ish-bosheth Murdered

2 Samuel 4

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. What caused Ishbosheth to lose courage?
2. Who were the commanders of bands for Ishbosheth?
3. Who was the lame son of Jonathan?
4. Who killed Ishbosheth?
5. What did the killers of Ishbosheth deliver to David?

6. What "reward" did David give the Amalekite for the news of Saul's death?

7. What was done to the men who killed Ishbosheth?

8. What was done with the head of Ishbosheth?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. What can we learn about respect for authority from David?

2. What can we learn about consequences of actions from Ishbosheth?

3. Was "capital punishment" wrong in the sight of God during the days of David?

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David King Over All Israel

2 Samuel 5

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. How long did David reign over Judah at Hebron?
2. How old was David when he became king over all Israel?
3. How was David able to become "greater and greater"?
4. Who sent men to David that built him a house?
5. Name the children of David which were born in Jerusalem.
6. Where did the Philistines "spread themselves out" when coming to confront David at Jerusalem?

7. What did the Philistines abandon at Baal-perazin?

8. To what extent did David strike down the Philistines the second time he attacked them?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. What is a benefit of enduring hardships?

2. What happens when we don't deal with temptations as they arise?

3. Even though God is on our side and will provide many opportunities, we must still work. What are you doing to work for the Lord?

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Uzzah / Ark Brought to Israel

2 Samuel 6

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. How many men did David gather together?
2. Who was leading the new cart on which the ark was placed?
3. At what location did the oxen almost upset the ark?
4. Why did God strike down Uzzah?
5. Who had the ark when David brought it to Jerusalem?

6. What was David wearing when dancing before the Lord?
7. Who criticized David for his dress during the celebration dance?
8. What was the punishment dealt David's wife for her attitude?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. What common lesson does our text and Colossians 3:17 teach?
2. Name some things done in religious circles today without Divine authority.
3. In what way was Uzzah "irreverent"?

Memory Work:

2 Samuel 8:15

"So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered justice and righteousness for all his people."

God's Covenant With David

2 Samuel 7

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. With whom did David discuss building God a permanent house?
2. What was David's house made of?
3. From where did God take David that he might rule over the people of Israel?
4. From what was God going to give David rest from?
5. Who spoke all the things of the vision to David?
6. Complete this phrase spoken by David about God: "Thou are great, O Lord God; for there is none like Thee ____.

7. What had God established Israel as?

8. How long did David want God to bless his house?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. What do we learn from Nathan's approval of David building a temple for God?

2. What is the "house" that God established through David that will last forever?

3. Read the following scriptures to prove that the kingdom has been established: Mark 1:15; Matthew 3:2; Mark 9:1; Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4; Acts 2:30-36; Col 1:13.

Memory Work:

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David's Triumphs

2 Samuel 8

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. What happened to the Moabites that David let live?
2. Who was the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, that David defeated?
3. How many Arameans were killed when they fought with Hadadezer?
4. Who was the son of Toi sent to David by his father to make peace?
5. Where did David kill 18,000 Arameans?
6. What did David put all over the land of Edom?

7. Who was over the army of David?

8. Who was David's recorder?

9. Who were the priests in David's kingdom?

10. Who was David's secretary?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. David had God with him in all his victories. What must we do to have God with us?

2. Who are some modern-day enemies of God's kingdom?

3. David was a man "after God's own heart." Was David perfect?

Memory Work:

2 Samuel 8:15

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Ammon and Syria Defeated

2 Samuel 9-10

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. Why did David want to know if anyone remained in the house of Saul?
2. Who did David ask about anyone remaining in the house of Saul?
3. Who was Jonathan's son who David brought from Lo-debar?
4. What gift did David give to Saul's grandson?
5. Who was Mica?
6. Who was the son of Nahash that became king of the Ammonites?
7. What did the princes of the king of Ammon think David was doing when he sent consolers?

8. Who did the sons of Ammon hire to help them fight Israel?
9. Who commanded the Israelites which fought the sons of Ammon?
10. Why did the sons of Ammon decide to run?
11. Who led Israel in their fight against Hadadezer?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. What value is there to keeping our promises?
2. What is the most important ingredient in winning a war?
3. What kind of attitude did Mephibosheth have that we should copy?

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David and Bathsheba's Sin

2 Samuel 11

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. Where was David when his army destroyed the sons of Ammon and besieged Rabbah?
2. Whose wife did David see bathing and send for?
3. What order did David give to Joab when finding out that Bathsheba was pregnant?
4. What did Uriah answer David when asked why he didn't go to his home?
5. Who delivered the letter from David to Joab?
6. What reason did Joab give for Uriah's death?
7. What did Joab do after Uriah was killed?

8. How was Uriah killed?
9. What did Bathsheba do when hearing Uriah had been killed?
10. What did David do after the mourning period for Uriah had ended?
11. What was God's response to these happenings?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. What does this lesson teach us about immodest apparel?
2. Does the end ever justify the means? (see Rom 3:7,8)
3. Did the consequences of David's sin end with his repentance and forgiveness?
4. If David had lived in the Christian dispensation, would he have had authority to marry Bathsheba? (see Rom 7:3)

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Nathan Rebukes David

2 Samuel 12

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Examining the Scriptures:

1. Who did God send to David with a parable?
2. What did David say should happen to the rich man in the parable?
3. What was the reason David used for wanting the rich man punished?
4. Who was the rich man in the parable representing?
5. What were the four consequences of David's sin with Bathsheba?
6. Where did David lay when he was praying and fasting for the sick child?
7. What did David do when his child died?

8. Did David expect to see his dead child again?
9. What did David and Bathsheba name the son born after the death of their firstborn?
10. What city did the army of David take?
11. How much did the crown of the king of Ammon weigh?
12. Where did the Israelites go after defeating the Ammonites at Rabbah?

Thinking About the Lesson:

1. What are some consequences of sin that remain today even after one is forgiven?
2. What should our attitude and actions be after a loved one dies?
3. What characteristic of Joab do you find in this chapter that is worthy of being followed?

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