



HIS STORY – HIS PEOPLE “David: King of Israel” 1 Samuel

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I. Introduction to the Kings

- A. Under theocratic rule, Israel had acknowledged Jahve as King.
- B. But they wanted a king like the neighboring cities and states.
- C. God warned them about the downside of monarchies. 1 Samuel 8
- D. He reluctantly gave them a king, but imposed strict limitations. Deuteronomy 17:14f
- E. The king was responsible for the welfare of God’s people.
- F. Saul, the first king, was deposed; David, a man after God’s own heart, took over.

II. The Call of David. 1 Samuel 16:1-13

- A. God dismissed Saul for his arrogance and disobedience. 1 Samuel 15
- B. In contrast, David was a humble shepherd who knew the Shepherd. Psalm 23
- C. He had a heart that was “steadfast,” loyal and consistent. Psalm 57:7
- D. He was recognized as “a man after God’s own heart.” 1 Samuel 13:1

III. The Character of David.

- A. A man with a courageous heart. 1 Samuel 17
 - 1. The conflict between the people of the covenant and the Philistines.
 - 2. The cowardice of Saul and his warriors.
 - 3. The confidence of David the shepherd boy.
 - a. A confidence born of past experience (the lion and the bear).
 - b. A confidence rooted in the reality of “the living God.”
 - c. A confidence that God’s enemies will ultimately lose.
- B. A man with a compassionate heart.
 - 1. David’s commitment to the jealous Saul, “the Lord’s anointed.”
 - 2. David spares Saul’s life on two occasions. 1 Samuel 24:1-22, 26:1-25
 - 3. David’s genuine grief at Saul’s death. 2 Samuel 1:19-27
 - 4. David’s concern and care for Mephibosheth. 2 Samuel 9:1f
- C. A man with a contrite heart. 2 Samuel 11:1-12:25; Psalm 51
 - 1. David’s middle-aged laxity led to laziness, lechery, liquidation and lies.
 - 2. Nathan’s courage led to conviction, contrition and confession.

IV. The Challenge of David.

- A. The challenge to remember man looks on the outside, but God the heart.
- B. The challenge to recognize God’s willingness to use the unlikely.
- C. The challenge to respond to God’s Word, whoever delivers it.
- D. The challenge to revere “great David’s greater Son.”