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What You Need to Know About SAUL

“The King with the Unsundered Will and the Unrepentant Heart”

STUDY NUMBER ONE - [1 SAMUEL 9:1-27](#)

NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 Samuel 9:1-27 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. How is Saul described in verse 2?

3. Describe the problem facing Saul in verses 3-5.

4. What is the servant's advice, according to verse 6?

5. How had the Lord been preparing Samuel for his meeting with Saul, according to verses 15 & 16?

6. Summarize the conversation between Samuel and Saul in verses 19-21.

7. What did Samuel do for Saul in verses 22-24?

8. Why does Samuel delay Saul in verse 27?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: How sensitive we must be to God's direction when it seems to run contrary to our desires.

LESSON #2: Man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks upon the heart.

LESSON #3: God uses sometimes negative and insignificant happenings in our lives to the accomplishment of His purpose.

LESSON #4: How perfect is the Lord's timing in the happening of events in our lives.

LESSON #5: Samuel's humble and obedient heart is revealed in his treatment of Saul on this occasion.

LESSON #6: The tragedy of Saul's life is that he did not hear and need the message from God that was coming through Samuel.

LESSON #7: A man's maturity is best reflected when he is still supportive after being set aside.

LESSON #8: Saul is superficial and self-centered.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER TWO - 1 SAMUEL 10:1-27

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 Samuel 10:1-27 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What does Samuel do to Saul, according to verse 1?

3. Outline the signs which Samuel gives to Saul in verses 2-6.

4. What does Samuel command Saul to do after the signs are fulfilled in verse 7?

5. What happened to Saul, according to verse 9?

6. What information did Saul withhold from his uncle, according to verse 16?

7. Where was Saul when it was time for him to be crowned king over Israel, according to verse 22?

8. How did Saul handle the opposition, according to verse 27?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: God never violates our free will. He often grants our request, but sends leanness into our souls.

LESSON #2: There will be evidences in our pathway that the Lord is directing our steps.

LESSON #3: Have you been changed into a different person because you have come to know Jesus Christ by faith?

LESSON #4: Has anybody ever asked you the question: What has happened to you?

LESSON #5: Are you sensitive, submissive, and obedient to God's Word, as far as you know?

LESSON #6: Has God touched your heart and rearranged your priorities?

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER THREE - [1 SAMUEL 11:1-15](#)**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [1 Samuel 11:1-15](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Describe the treaty sought by Nahash the Ammonite in [verse 2](#).

3. Describe Saul's response to the treaty in [verses 6-8](#).

4. What report is given to the men of Jabesh Gilead by the messengers in [verse 10](#)?

5. How do the people respond to the victory in [verse 12](#)?

6. How does Saul analyze the victory, according to [verse 13](#)?

7. What is Samuel's advice in verse 14?

8. What do the people do in verse 15?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: When we wait for the Lord, He will provide the opportunity for a full expression of His will.

LESSON #2: With the departure of the Christian principles of conviction and character, also goes courage.

LESSON #3: The price of compromise is very high.

LESSON #4: Saul continues to be a farmer until the Lord provides the opportunity to take the leadership.

LESSON #5: The Lord always gives the victory when we are walking in His will.

LESSON #6: Saul's humility is expressed in the phrase, "The Lord has rescued Israel."

LESSON #7: The joy that is expressed is from the Lord.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FOUR - [1 SAMUEL 13:1-14](#)**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [1 Samuel 13:1-14](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What are the statistics of Saul's age and reign, according to [verse 1](#)?

3. Describe Saul's military preparations in [verse 2](#).

4. Describe the military preparations by the Philistines in [verses 5-7](#).

5. What does Saul do because Samuel delays in his coming, according to [verse 9](#)?

6. How does Saul explain himself to Samuel in [verses 11 & 12](#)?

7. What is Samuel's response in verses 13 & 14?

8. What action has the Lord taken, according to verse 14?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Saul has begun to take credit for what the Lord has done through Jonathan.

LESSON #2: Fear and discouragement is the result of getting our eyes on circumstances.

LESSON #3: Saul is being tested with regard to divine authority and the obedient heart.

LESSON #4: Expediency never takes priority over obedience.

LESSON #5: Self-justification often accompanies the disobedient heart.

LESSON #6: You will always make a mistake when you take matters into your own hands.

LESSON #7: Dependence or lack of it is revealed in periods of delay (Galatians 5:16, 17).

LESSON #8: When you act with the limitations of your own wisdom and circumstances you will always act foolishly.

LESSON #9: The Lord wants to do His thing in the midst of impossible circumstances.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER FIVE - [1 SAMUEL 14:1-45](#)**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read [1 Samuel 14:1-45](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Summarize Jonathan's words in [verse 6](#).

3. What is the armorbearer's response in [verse 7](#)?

4. Describe Saul's response to the panic among the Philistines.

5. Who gets the credit for the victory, according to [verse 23](#)?

6. Describe your feelings about Jonathan's actions in [verses 24-34](#).

7. What does Saul do, according to [verse 35](#)?

8. How does Saul handle a lack of response from the Lord in verses 37-45?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: Jonathan is a man of God, moving ahead in faith, believing that God wants to give him the victory.

LESSON #2: God still uses individuals to accomplish great things in His purpose.

LESSON #3: Nothing can hinder the Lord from saying, whether by many or by few.

LESSON #4: As Jonathan and the armor-bearer act in faith, God provides the victory.

LESSON #5: Saul's good judgment has been short-circuited by his pride and jealousy over Jonathan's success.

LESSON #6: Saul's uppermost concern should have been the comfort of his men. His should have been one of servant leadership.

LESSON #7: The Lord delivers Jonathan from the Philistines in the first of the chapter, and from his father in the last of the chapter.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SIX - 1 SAMUEL 15:1-35**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 1 Samuel 15:1-35 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What are Samuel's instructions to Saul in verses 1-3?

3. How is Saul disobedient in verses 8 & 9?

4. What is the Lord's response in verse 11?

5. Describe Samuel and Saul's discussion in verses 13-16.

6. How does Samuel describe Saul's actions in verses 17-19?

7. How does Saul describe his actions in verses 20 & 21?

8. Describe the tragic results of Saul's disobedience in verses 24-35.

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The obedient heart is what the Lord desires in His children.

LESSON #2: God’s justice and judgment is consistent with His love.

LESSON #3: Saul never says, “My God.”

LESSON #4: Saul is concerned about his own honor, by the monument that he builds and the act of repentance he performs.

LESSON #5: Obedience is better than sacrifice.

LESSON #6: When God acts, there is no changing of that act.

LESSON #7: There comes a time when grace runs out and judgment must be executed.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER SEVEN - 1 SAMUEL 18:1-30**NOTES****QUESTIONS:**

1. Read 1 Samuel 18:1-30 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. What kind of relationship did David sustain with Jonathan, according to verses 1-4?

3. What precipitated the problem between Saul and David, according to verse 7?

4. Describe Saul's outburst in verses 10 & 11.

5. Why was Saul fearful of David, according to verse 12?

6. Why was David so successful, according to verse 14?

7. What was the attitude of Israel toward David, according to verse 16?

8. Describe Saul's feelings toward David, according to verses 28 & 29.

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: The lord blesses and prospers those who walk with Him.

LESSON #2: David and Jonathan serve as an illustration of Christian brotherhood.

LESSON #3: Jealousy short circuits good judgment.

LESSON #4: Jealousy and envy will grow into the intent of murder, if it is left unchecked.

LESSON #5: David is protected from the malicious intent of Saul in every one of these encounters.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

STUDY NUMBER EIGHT - [1 SAMUEL 28:1-25](#) AND [31:1-13](#)

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QUESTIONS:

1. Read [1 Samuel 28:1-25](#) and [31:1-13](#) and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Describe Saul's actions in verses 5-7.

3. What is Saul's request of the woman, according to verse 11?

4. How does Saul respond to Samuel in verse 15?

5. Summarize Samuel's response to Saul in verses 16-19.

6. How was Saul wounded, according to 31:3?

7. What is Saul's request of his armorbearer, according to verse 4?

8. How does Saul meet his final demise, according to verse 4?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

LESSON #1: There comes a time when God's grace changes to God's justice and judgment.

LESSON #2: Saul was fearful because he never took time to put his eyes upon the Lord.

LESSON #3: The Scriptures clearly condemn the arts of witchcraft.

LESSON #4: Saul's final act of rebellion is seen in going to the witch at Endor.

LESSON #5: Saul learns nothing new, apart from the fact that in the battle with the Philistines on the morrow, he is going to die.

LESSON #6: The absence of repentance is the key to understanding these tragic events.

LESSON #7: You are bound to lose if you are fighting against God.

ADDITIONAL NOTES:
