

THE LORD REJECTS SAUL AS KING

1 Samuel 13:1-16:23

Key Verse: 15:22a

* SAMUEL REBUKES SAUL (13:1-15)

1. How old was Saul when he began to reign? Where was Saul waiting for Samuel and what were his instructions? (10:8) How many men were with him in his palace guard?
2. What happened to precipitate a crisis? (3,4) Where did the Philistines assemble, and what was the size of their force? What was the situation of Israel? (4-7)
3. When Samuel did not arrive on time, what did Saul do? Why? How did Samuel rebuke him? What did this impatient act cost Saul? Why was this such a serious matter? What kind of leader was God seeking?

* JONATHAN, A WARRIOR OF FAITH (13:16-14:23)

4. How did the situation of Saul's army deteriorate? (13:2,15,19-22; 14:2) What was Saul doing?
5. In the meantime, what did Jonathan decide to do? What did he believe about God? Who was his co-worker? What was his power source? How did he glorify God's name? (14:6b)
6. What was Jonathan's strategy? How did he and his armor-bearer cowork in this first attack? (14:8-14) What can we learn from Jonathan? How did God help Israel? What happened? (14:15-23)

* SAUL'S PRIDE AGGRAVATED HIMSELF (14:24-15:35)

7. What was the foolish oath Saul made? Why did he do this? (24-26) What effect did it have on the troops? What almost happened to Jonathan? (14:25-45) What does this reveal about Saul?

8. *What mission did God give Saul? Why? How did Saul carry out the mission? (15:1-9)
What does this reveal about him?*
9. *Why did Samuel cry all night? Why was the Lord so grieved? What spiritual principle did Samuel teach Saul? What was Saul's response? What did Samuel do? (15:10-35)*
- * *SAMUEL ANOINTS BOY DAVID AS THE FUTURE KING (16:1-23)*
10. *How did Samuel find and anoint the next king? How did David serve Saul? Why had Saul become tormented by an evil spirit? What kind of person was the man after God's own heart?*