

The Heart of a King

1 Samuel 8 – 17

I. The Demand for a King (1 Samuel 8)

- A. Not wrong in itself (Gen. 17:6; 49:10; Num. 24: 7-19; Deu. 17:14-20)
- B. Wrong because of the reasons
 - 1. Sinful in its _____
 - 2. Selfish in its _____
 - 3. Cowardly in its _____

II. Saul: A Man After *His Own Heart* (1 Samuel 9 – 15)

- A. God’s selection of Saul (9 – 10)
 - 1. Saul is introduced as a _____ (9:2)
 - 2. Israel’s perception of Saul: He was _____ than everyone else (10:23-24)
 - 3. Saul’s perception of himself: _____ in his own eyes (15:17; 9:20-21; 10:22)
 - 4. The LORD’s equipping of Saul: He changed Saul’s _____ (10:9; see vs. 10)

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- B. God’s confirmation of Saul (11)

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- C. Parenthesis: Samuel’s farewell message (12)
 - 1. Rebuke: Your request for a human king is evil (12:12, 17)
 - 2. Plea: Do what is right and you will be blessed (12:14, 24)
 - 3. Warning: Persist in doing evil and you and your king will be swept away (12:15, 25)

- D. Saul’s first moral failure (13:1-15)

Judgment: Loss of his _____ (13:13-14)

- E. Saul’s military “success” (13:16 – 14:52)
 - 1. Israelite army when Philistines appear dominant: 13:6-7
 - 2. Israelite army when Philistines are routed (by God): 14:20-23

- F. Saul’s second moral failure (15)

Judgment: Loss of his _____ (15:22-23, 27-28)

G. Conclusion: A “man after *his own heart* . . .”

- 1. . . refuses to accept the structure of _____ established by God. When the pressure is on, he takes matters into his own hands – even if it means disobeying God.
- 2. . . seeks God’s resources for his _____ rather than submitted himself to God’s will.
- 3. . . will compromise obedience for the sake of _____ - _____.
- 4. . . places his own “_____” ahead of God’s.
- 5. . . refuses to accept _____ for his failures.

III. David: A Man After God's Own Heart (13:14; 16:7)

A. God's Selection of David (16)

1. Samuel's expectations of a king
 - a. God's choice would have _____ stature (16:6)
 - b. God's choice would have _____ stature (16:7)
2. God's "vision" of a king – it is primarily the _____ that matters to God
3. Samuel's anointing of David
 - a. An unlikely choice
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - b. A _____ appearance – God's didn't hold that against him
 - c. _____ equipping – permanent empowering by the Holy Spirit

B. God's Confirmation of David as Israel's Shepherd-King (17)

1. Goliath Challenges the Army of Israel (17:1-11)
 - a. Confrontation: Philistines and Israelites face each other (1-7)
 - b. Challenge: Goliath defies the ranks of Israel (8-10)
 - c. Consternation: Saul and Israel are dismayed and terrified (11)
2. David Witnesses Goliath's Challenge (17:12-39)
 - a. Confrontation: David arrives; Philistines and Israelites face each other (12-22)
 - b. Challenge: David hears Goliath defying the ranks of Israel (23)
 - c. Consternation: David talks with fearful Israelites, angry brother, and indecisive Saul (24-39)
3. David Meets Goliath's Challenge (17:40-54)
 - a. Confrontation: David and Goliath face each other (40-41)
 - b. Challenge: David and Goliath summon each other (42-47)
 - c. Consternation: David kills Goliath and the Philistines flee from the Israelites (48-54)

C. **Conclusion:** A Heart that is Approved by God . . .

1. Is characterized by . . .
 - a. _____ (Psalm 78:70; 89:20)
 - b. _____ (Psalm 78:71-72)
 - c. _____ (2 Chronicles 16:9)
2. Can be _____ (Proverbs 4:23; 2 Chronicles 19:3)
3. Overcomes circumstantial _____ to gain great victories for God
 - a. The antidote to fear is _____: "a way of seeing that is realistic; a way of acting that is responsive."
 - b. When confronted with an enemy that is threatening and intimidating . . .
 - _____ your fear to God
 - _____
 - _____ something
 - c. Opportunities for victory come to those who are _____ for conflict
 - d. In my conflict with evil, I can expect to be challenged by _____ - _____ giants
 - e. In my conflict with evil, I am not responsible for the _____; I am responsible for what I _____.