

Be a Person After God's Own Heart

Overview of the United Kingdom and It's Kings

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➤ **Intro:**

- **review last quarter's bible class material:** Overview of the United Kingdom and It's Kings
- **thematic approach: – Be a Person After God's Own Heart**
 - **1 Sam. 13:1-14 (Acts 16:22)** Saul's sin, God appoints man after his own heart to be king – David

➤ **A Person After God's Own Heart Obeys Him**

- **1 Sam. 13:13-14** Saul was foolish, not obey - not man after God's own heart like David
 - **lesson: ends does not justify the means** – not do evil that good may come (Rom. 3:8)

➤ - **Pr. 28:26** fool trusts in own heart – God will punish, not deliver

- **lesson: God punishes sin** – people who trust own heart

➤ - **illus.: 1 Sam. 4 - 7 God punished the Philistines and Israelites for their sin**

- **God punished Israel for Baal worship - not give them victory over Philistines**

- Israel fought Philistines at Ebenezer
- Jews took ark, thinking they would win if they had it
 - Philistines attacked took ark, great slaughter including 30,000 Israelite foot soldiers
- Israel was defeated in battle by the Philistines at Ebenezer because they were worshiping Baal
 - **God will punish all men who do not faithfully worship Him**

- **God punished the Philistines for stealing the ark, took it to Ashdod and set it before Dagon**

- Dagon (pagan idol, father of Baal) toppled over
 - 1st time fallen on his face before the ark
 - 2nd time also had head and palms of hands cut off on the threshold

- **God not tolerate mixing His religion with man's religion - man-made human doctrines**

- **God punished the Ashdodites**

- ravage them and smote them with tumors, resulted in great confusion among the people, many people died - some think it was the bubonic plague since mice involved
 - **sometimes God uses natural events to punish sinful men – disease, war, famine, etc.**

- **Philistines sent the ark back to Israel**

- put ark on cart pulled by cows, included a sacrifice of five golden tumors and five golden mice
 - **repenting of sin in our lives will often result in the end of punishment - sometimes not**

- **Israel punished for mishandling the ark**

- men of Beth-shemesh (Israelites) cut up the wood of the cart, sacrificed the cows by burning the wood on a rock
- sinned by looking into ark – 50,070 men killed
 - **Why might they have looked into the ark?** - curiosity, see if okay, see if Philistines returned contents
 - **lessons:** obey God, let God deal with His own business, authority, punishment of those who sin and those who are associated with them

- **summary: must feed on the word of God and understand, to be a person after God's own heart**

- **Jer 3:15** God to Israel regarding her return from spiritual harlotry – give you shepherds after My own heart

- **A Person After God's Own Heart is Humble** – that's why he obeys God and God is gracious toward him
 - brief analysis between David and Saul – relate to point above
- **What was the single difference that set Saul and David apart? - humility** (1 Sam. 18:5 - 19:10-17)
 - analysis
 - **Saul's pride** – resulted in anger and the desire to murder (1 Sam. 18:8)
 - **angry without cause - endanger of hell** (Matt. 5:22)
 - **1 Pet. 3:10-12** if not living right in human relationships, God against us
 - - **David's humility** – “Who am I . . . family. . . .” (1 Sam. 18:18)
 - **1 Pet. 5:5** God opposed to the proud, gives grace to the humble – Saul / David
 - reflected in the difference in their actions:
 - **Saul**
 - - **Saul was afraid** of David, because the Lord was with him - Lord had departed from Saul (1 Sam. 18:12)
 - **afraid, pride results in fear – fear of failure, humiliation, loss of popularity, not being esteemed**
 - - **Saul tried to get David to marry his daughters, to do him harm** rather than good (1 Sam. 18:17ff, 23)
 - **manipulative, pride results in sin: murder - 1 Jn. 3:15, 16)**
 - - **Saul ordered David's death** because of jealousy (1 Sam. 19:1)
 - **murderous** – later David sinned, order the death of Uriah
 - **David**
 - - **David played harp** for Saul, Saul tried to kill David (1 Sam. 18:10-11)
 - **servicing, humility to do the humble jobs, though David had been anointed king**
 - - **David not think highly** of himself to be the king's son-in-law, even though he was the anointed king and greatest military leader in Israel (18:18)
 - **Rom. 12:3** not think more highly of self than ought, but to think so as to have sound judgment
 - **have lowly estimation of self, while still having a confident self image**
 - **how?**
 - - **David exceeded the king's requirement** for a dowry by double - 200 foreskins vs. 100 (1 Sam. 18:25)
 - **exceeds, not satisfied with status quo, doing the minimum**
 - **Col. 3:22-24; Eph. 6:5-8** work as to the Lord
 - - **David humble enough to hide** when necessary, and **run away** when necessary (1 Sam. 19:2, 11-17)
 - **runs to safety, as some point, we have to run to safety, so we can fight another day**
 - **examples today?**

- **A Person After God's Own Heart Defeats his Goliaths** (sin, temptation, trials) – **tell story**
- - **not afraid to fight the good fight**
 - **1 Sam. 17:32** David volunteered to fight Goliath
- - **1 Tim. 6:12; 2 Tim. 4:7** **fight of faith, daily, reward**
- - **Eph. 6:10-13** **put on armor of God, spiritual fight, Satan and evil**
- - **young people not let other despise their youth (1 Tim. 4:12)**
 - **1 Sam. 17:33-37** David brave, not back down because young
- - **1 Tim. 4:12** **age not matter regarding spiritual battle, fighting in Lord's army, all ages important**
- - **not intimidated by the Lord's enemy – Christians today**
 - **1 Sam. 17:42-47** David not intimidated – answered back with spiritual answer – name (authority) Lord
 - **Phil. 1:27-28** not alarmed by opponents, sign of your salvation
 - **illus.: (below)** “The Battle Belongs To The Lord”
- - **immediately confront the enemy and fight in the Lord's army**
 - **1 Sam. 17:48-51** David ran quickly to the battle line, immediately attacked – cf. adults intimidated
- - **Phil. 2:12** obey, work out salvation with fear and trembling
- - **become a leader among men – Christians today**
 - **1 Sam. 17:52** as a result of David's leadership, Israel defeated the Philistines
- - **life lessons:**
 - **God uses our life experiences to train us** for the work we'll accomplish tomorrow.
 - **David's experience's** while tending sheep (killing bears and lions to protect the sheep) prepared him to conquer Goliath.
 - **We need to be diligent** in everything we do. We do not know which of today's life-experiences are preparing to conquer tomorrow's Goliath
 - **illus.:** apostles trained by Jesus three years, evangelists trained by Paul, other men trained by Timothy and others to teach (Paul's command to Timothy)
 - **The only difference between David and the other Israelites** there was that David believed.
 - **faith is the difference** between spiritual success and failure
 - **When we step up to obey God** (do his will), others (who could obey if they wanted) often criticize and defame us (e.g., David's brothers about him).
 - **illus.:** peer pressure – make fun of at school or work for doing right thing
 - **A single act of faith, by a single man, can change others** - those who had previously been neglectful in their service to God.
- **End Pt. I:**
 - **Be a person after God's own heart! – obey God, be humble, defeat your Goliaths**
 - **inv.:** obey gospel, and defeat your Goliath

Part II – SR = Acts 13:16-23

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- **review last quarter's bible class material:** Overview of the United Kingdom and It's Kings
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➤ **3 - review Pt. I: Be a person after God's own heart! – obey God, be humble, defeat your Goliaths**

➤ **A Person After God's Own Heart Waits Upon the Lord – He's Not Vengeful — not take own vengeance**

- **David waited on the Lord, didn't kill Saul – one of several times**

- **1 Sam. 24:1-7** David waited on the Lord – didn't remove Saul from the throne or retaliate

- **illus.: (below) "They That Wait Upon The Lord"** – mount up like wings on eagles (**Is. 40:31**)

➤ - **Matt. 5:43-45 Jesus, love enemies, pray, be like Father – R - vs. 48**

➤ - **Saul's reaction to David's obedience**

- **1 Sam. 24:16-17** Saul turned away from sin, regretted sin

➤ - **1 Sam. 26:21** later, when David snuck into his camp and took Saul's jug and spear, Saul confessed his sins

➤ - **Rom. 12:18-21** **peace with all, not take vengeance, heap coals of fire**

➤ **A Person After God's Own Heart Quickly Repents When He Makes a Mistake (sins)**

- **David's sin with Bathsheba**

- **2 Sam. 11:1-5** story with David and Bathsheba

- **2 Sam. 12:13** this was a sin against God – when we sin against man, we also sin against God

➤ - **What was David's sins?**

- **Matt. 5:27-30; Ja. 1:14-17** lust (strong desire to sin), adultery

➤ - **What is the Christian's solution?**

- **1 Jn. 2:15-17** love God, not love world, not lust

➤ - **Col. 3:1-5** how not lust: set mind on things above, consider members dead – Paul, I die daily (1 Cor. 15:31)

➤ - **David's sin against Uriah – coverup**

- **2 Sam. 11:6-27** David got him drunk twice to try and get him to go to Bathsheba, David arranged for his death at the front line – others died as a result, our sins are far reaching, hurt many

- **What was the root cause of the sins?**

- **Pr. 16:18-19** pride goes before destruction, stumbling

- **Pr. 21:4** Haughty eyes and a proud heart, lamp of the wicked, sin

- **illus.: Uriah was the humble one**, David knew it and sent the note ordering Uriah's death by his own hands

➤ - **What is the Christian's solution?**

- **1 Pet. 3:8; 5:5-6** humbly obey, and God will exalt you

➤ - **What happens when we sin publically?**

- **2 Sam. 12:14** gives God's enemies an occasion to blaspheme

➤ - **David's reaction to Nathan's Rebuke**

- **2 Sam. 12:1-4** Nathan's analogy, rich man with many flocks and herds steals poor man's only lamb

➤ - **2 Sam. 12:5-7a, 9, 13** David's reaction

➤ - **Our attitude – result of sin:**

- **Heb. 10:26-31, 35-39** result of sin, but we are not those who do that

➤ - **David's punishment**

- **2 Sam. 12:10-11, 14** child die, many Israelites die in battle, household humiliated

- **We are often punished for our sin in this life, and many others have to suffer as a result – family, employees, armies, friends – punishment for sin almost always affects people we never intended**

➤ **A Man After God's Own Heart Accepts God's "No" Answers**

- **David wanted to build the temple but was not permitted**

- **1 Ki. 5:3** (Solomon to Hiram) David unable to build temple because of the wars
- **2 Sam. 7** David wanted to build the temple, God told him no - Solomon would build it
- **2 Ch. 3:1** David began preparing for the temple to be built, although not permitted to build

➤ - **When God says "no", His grace is sufficient for the situation**

- **2 Cor. 12:7-10** at those times, God's grace is sufficient, content with weakness
- **Ja. 1:2-3** count it all joy to experience trials
- **Phil. 2:13** I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

➤ - **David's reaction to God's blessings - he was not permitted to build temple, but son would build**

- **2 Sam. 7:18-19a** "Who am I . . ." (humble), great thing to David but insignificant to God
- **What is your reaction to receiving God's blessings – salvation, prosperity, success, health**
 - humbled, want to serve God more, obey, amazed at God's power and greatness
- **How great is God today, having built the church - kingdom? – reaction as member**

➤ **A Man After God's Own Heart Respects God's Temple**

- **respect for the temple: ark brought in, Solomon's address, prayer of dedicated, sacrifices**

- **1 Ki. 8:1, 22, 54-55, 62-63, 66** overview of that day – **respect for God and his temple**

- **What is God's temple today?**

- **1 Cor. 3:16-17** church – composed of Christians
- **1 Cor. 6:19-20** individual Christians

➤ - **What is your attitude toward God's temple today? – church, physical body – greater or less than Solomon**

- **Does your body look like God's temple? – adorned, cared for (1 Cor. 6:19-20)?**
- **Are you exalting Christ in your body (Phil. 1:20)?**
- **Does your outward appearance profess godliness (1 Tim. 2:2, 10)? – "I'm a Christian"**
- **Do you only do the things that are honorable in the sight of all men (Rom. 12:17; Phil. 4:8)?**

➤ **Summary / Inv.**

- **Are you a person after God's own heart? – Christian, what can you do to improve**

- obey God, be humble, defeat your Goliaths
- wait upon the Lord, quickly repent when make mistake, accept God's "no" answers, respect God's temple

- **inv.:** become a person after God's own heart today by becoming a Christian