

Bereans Bible Institute

Module XII – Faithful Shepherds

Lesson 7. Saul, or David?

- I. Saul – God gave Israel the king they wanted (proud)
- A. good looking, tall, from a good family of humble origin (1 Sam. 9:1-2,21)
 - B. Saul anointed of God’s Breath (1 Sam. 10:1,6-9)
 - C. Saul victorious by the spirit of God (1 Sam. 11:6,11-15)
 - D. Saul’s 1st test & presumptuousness: presumed the role of priest (1 Sam. 13:7-15)
 - E. Saul acts rashly again when God resists answering (1 Sam. 14:35-46)
 - F. Fails to destroy Amelek, blames the people (1 Sam. 15:1-35)
 - G. Saul becomes jealous of David after Goliath killed (1 Sam. 18:7-12)
 - H. Saul’s hatred grows, and he seeks to kill David (1 Sam. 18:11; 19:1)
 - I. David spares Saul, but Saul again pursued him (1 Sam. 24:1-22)
 - J. David spares Saul again, but Saul pursued him again (1 Sam. 26:1-25)
 - K. Saul’s total apostasy, seeking after demons (1 Sam. 28:1-25)
 - L. Summary: pride, took God’s command lightly, would not bow to correction, jealousy drove him to hatred, rewarded evil for kindness, downward spiral to total depravity, a miserable death with no eternal inheritance.
- II. David – God gave Israel the king they needed (humble)
- A. humble beginnings – shepherd, youngest son of Jesse, anointed king & the Breath of God left Saul and came upon David (1 Sam.16)
 - B. Trusted in God and acted in faith, killed Goliath (1 Sam. 17)
 - C. David twice spared Saul who was trying to kill him (1 Sam. 24 & 26)
 - D. David feared God, would not retaliate against God’s anointed king, and waited for God to make Him king, refused to act presumptuously
 - E. As king, David sought the Lord before battles, then acted in faith & and obedience
 - F. David set up the “Tabernacle of David” and choirs to worship God continually (2 Sam. 6)
 - 1. He wrote many heart-felt songs of worship
 - G. David loved God and sought to build Him a magnificent Temple (2 Sam. 6)
 - H. David’s failures:
 - 1. David committed adultery w/Bathsheba & murdered Uriah the Hittite
 - a. He repented, but God punished him by killing Bathsheba’s child
 - 2. David’s lack of faith, numbered the army (1 Chron. 21)
 - a. He repented, but God killed 70,000 of the army
 - I. The imperfect man who sought after God’s own heart:
 - 1. Humble repentance (Psalm 32 & 51)
 - 2. Humble desire to know God’s ways (Psalm 25)
 - 3. Sought to walk in obedience and integrity, trusting God (Psalm 26)
 - 4. Waited on God to avenge him (Psalm 29)
 - 5. Love for God’s commandments (Psalm 119)
 - 6. A heart filled with gratitude and praise (Psalm 40)

God resists the proud (Saul), but gives grace to the humble (David).