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2 Samuel 1.1-27

David and the Death of King Saul

Theme- Beginning of Israel's monarchy.

God's people asked for a king like the rest of the world in 1 Samuel. God allowed it to happen, but that king followed his own way and God took him out.

We need to be careful about following men. We need to follow Jesus. He is the perfect King, Savior, Lord, Master, and his reign will never end.

David will rise to the kingship of Judah. It is from David's line that the Messiah (Jesus) will come.

Some wonderful themes we see and learn in 2 Samuel.

1. God is King
2. God is sovereign.
3. God's people are ruled with and by God's power
4. God is all knowing
5. God has a covenant with His people that He will send us a perfect Savior

Vs 1-10 Saul did not do what God wanted him to do and Saul did do things God did not want him to do.

There are consequences for our actions. We are saved by faith in Jesus and God does forgive us of our sins, but there are actions that we can do that either cause us difficulty in life or that God will lift His blessings off of us.

David honored and trusted God even when it was difficult.

What are you doing now that displeases God? Are you willing to repent?

What are you being faithful in now, even though it is difficult?

David is constantly victorious because He lives for God and serves God. We need to remember that when we serve the King, we will always be blessed.

This man is lying about helping Saul die. He was saying this in order to get favor from David.

Even though Saul tried to kill David, David sought to honor God and do right. David did not seek revenge.

In what area of your life do you need to love someone doing something bad to you?

Matthew 5:43-48 *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*

Matthew 6:14 *For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, 15 but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

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Vs 11-16 David lost some important people in his life. Even though things had changed for David he immediately stopped and mourned and went to God through prayer and fasting. We must value human life. We must mourn life made by God. We must pray and fast and talk to God and seek God. Even when things are busy and difficult we should stop life, mourn, and go to God.

God anointed Saul to be king. David respected this and never killed the one that God chose. Even when Saul was not doing the right thing, David knew and respected that God put him in place.

We are to respect those that God puts in leadership over us. God will honor and bless us if we do.

Who has authority over you that you do not respect, honor, or follow? Who are you speaking badly against even though it was God who put you in their life?

David's punishment was just because this Amalike had killed the king that the Lord had anointed.

Vs 17-27 God put Saul in place as the 1st King of Israel. This king would die. David served Saul faithfully and Saul's son Jonathan was killed. Jonathan was David's best friend.

The irony is that if Saul had not been jealous and self-seeking, God would have spared him and prospered him. David would have also been with Saul to help protect him.

We are saved by believing in Jesus, asking forgiveness of our sins, and by asking Jesus to take control of our lives. Though we are forgiven of our sins, there are still consequences to our sins.

What sin are you choosing over God and it is impacting your relationship with God and others? What area of your life are you putting yourself and your sin over God? Are you willing to repent? If not, that sin will hurt you and there will be consequences.

God's people should seek after God's ways. The pagan world will not think the way we do. God's people will be elevated to heaven and life forever with God. We must not forget this.

Some people use this passage about David and Jonathan and say that this could be some gay illusion. This is evil and wicked and wrong. David's best friend who chose David even over his father had died. God puts friends and family in our lives and we can be so close to them. We should thank God for these relationships. We should value these relationships. We should mourn when these relationships pass. We must protect these relationships because our time on this earth is short.

What relationship do you have in your life that you need to tell them how much they mean to you?

What relationship do you need to nurture or pay more attention to?

Who are the people in your life that make an impact on you or that you value most? Do they know how much they mean to you?

What do you need to repent of?

Do you see your authority in your life as put into place by God?

What area of your life are you sinning and you are realizing that is against the Almighty God?

What person has God put into your life that you either need to love better or reconcile with?

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