

Lecture 22- David's Rise and Saul's Demise (II)

Now Samuel died, and all Israel assembled and mourned for him; and they buried him at his home in Ramah. Then David moved down into the desert of Maon.

1 Sam 25:1

Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in his own town of Ramah. Saul had expelled the mediums and spiritists from the land.

1 Sam 28:3

Key Terms

Getting along without God's man; the Lord's anointed; faith & faithlessness

Lecture Objectives

- Briefly trace and compare David's rise and Saul's demise
- Identify key characteristics (positive and negative) of David's rise and reign
- Describe the way various key events further our understanding of God, His people, and His redemptive work in the world

Preliminary Questions

- Toward the end of Saul's life David sought protection among the Philistines (1 Sam 27). Why do you think he did this? How would you have advised him? Why? On what basis?

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I. Introduction

II. A Thematic Survey (cont.)

A. David's rise delights all but Saul [1 Sam 16-18]

B. Saul seeks David's life [1 Sam 19-23]

C. David protects Saul's life and avoids blood-guilt (1 Sam 24-26)

Adversity: Leave it in God's hands

1. David will not hurt Saul

2. Nabal (Chpt. 25)

3. The death of Samuel

a. 25:1

b. 28:3

c. Why is Samuel's death mentioned in these two places?

d. How will David get along now that Samuel is gone?

e. How will Saul get along without Samuel?

4. David protects the Lord's anointed

D. David takes up with the Philistines, and Saul eventually takes his own life (1 Sam 27-31)

When faith falters/when the faithful are faithless

1. 27:1 - an ominous note

2. David and Achish (28:1ff)

a. Irony

1) "What your servant can do"

2) "Bodyguard" = "keeper of my head"

3. Saul and the Witch of Endor (28:3ff)

a. 28:6 "the Lord did not answer him"

b. 28:7 irony

- c. Other pagan kings also expelled mediums from their lands.
- d. Compare 28:10 with Deuteronomy 18
- e. Is this really Samuel?
 - 1) 28:15
 - 2) 28:14 robe
 - 3) 28:16-19 Samuel's message
- f. What does this teach about necromancy?
- g. What about God's involvement? He is not really working through the necromancer.
- h. Samuel, "tomorrow you and your sons will be with me"
- 4. Eating in 1 & 2 Samuel
 - a. Hannah
 - b. David
 - c. Saul 28:20-25
- 5. David and the Philistines (Chpt. 29)
- 6. David and the Amalekites (Chpt. 30)
 - a. 30:6 "But David found strength in the Lord his God." (cf 23:16)

Is this David acting in wisdom or in faithlessness? Explain your answer.

Retrace Saul's spiritual journey from the beginning to this point.