

# The Quest for God's King! 1 Samuel

**Review:** 1 Samuel opens with a \_\_\_\_\_ woman and a \_\_\_\_\_ priest.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Samuel was born and Eli was \_\_\_\_\_!

## 1. The breakdown of Israel's \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 13:20-23

- 1 Samuel: a book about **3 key men**: Samuel, Saul and David.  
Samuel was a miracle baby, and because he loved the Word of God, he was a blessing to Israel. **1 Samuel 3:19-20**

Saul – King Saul, a man after Israel's heart died under God's judgment. **1 Chronicles 10:13-14**

- KEY: Saul started \_\_\_\_\_. He finished in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
God gave Saul so much! Saul was blessed! *but...* Saul consistently fails! Why? **1 Samuel 15:22-23**

The problem: What Saul wanted \_\_\_\_\_ himself was not what the Lord wanted \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
God gave his Word to Saul, and because it wasn't what Saul wanted, he rebelled!

- Too often, people say that they \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord Jesus Christ, but they do not want to be \_\_\_\_\_  
with taking Him \_\_\_\_\_ and submitting \_\_\_\_\_ His Word. **Luke 6:46**
- **Do you want to be a success? Joshua 1:7-9**

## 2. The establishment of David as \_\_\_\_\_. 2 Samuel 1-5

- In 2 Samuel, we see process of establishing David as God's king over His people.  
1:1 - After Saul died, after the slaughter of the Amalekites, David lived 2 days in Ziklag.  
1:2 - On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day David found out about Saul's death. He mourned!  
1:15 - David had the messenger killed for supposedly slaying Saul.  
2:1 – God sent David back to Judea – Hebron, where he ruled from for 7.5 years.  
2:8 – Abner made Ishbosheth, Saul's son, king over northern Israel. **2 Samuel 2:8-11**
- What was happening as a result? **2 Samuel 3:1** *The beginning of the end was* **2 Samuel 3:6-12**  
Abner made a league with David. Joab murdered Abner by the end of chapter 3. *The result?* **2 Samuel 4:1**  
Weakness breeds contempt, and so, Ishbosheth's two new captians (brothers) murdered him (vs6) and ran to David with his head.(vs8) David executed them. (vs12)
- All of Israel then comes under David's rule.

Picture: \_\_\_\_\_ **2 Samuel 5:1-5**

5:6-10 - he captures and establishes Jerusalem as his capital.

## 3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's King reigning? 2 Samuel 8:14-15

- The picture: Christ's rule brings judgment and justice to your life. **Isaiah 9:5-7**
- Contrast: Eli and Saul perverted justice. **1 Samuel 3:11-14**

## 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Ezekiel 37:21-28; 34:22-24; Jeremiah 30:5-9; Hosea 3:4-5; Isaiah 55:3-4**

CLOSING THOUGHT: When considering Saul's failure, many wonder if this was an issue of "nature versus nurture" components in Saul's life. No. there is a 3<sup>rd</sup> key that determines your outcome in life and it's far more powerful than either your nature or your rearing.

**Joshua 24:15** \_\_\_\_\_