

Saul and David

An analysis of two different hearts

Introduction

- After Joshua's death, Israel ruled by judges with Samuel the last judge
- Being dissatisfied with God's rule, the people cry out for a king
- The people seek a worldly king to fulfill their worldly desires

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The People Reject God and Cry Out For A King

1Sa 8:4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah;

1Sa 8:5 and they said to him, "Behold, you have grown old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations."

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1Sa 8:6 But the thing was displeasing in the sight of Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the LORD.

1Sa 8:7 The LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them."

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Introduction

- In Saul and David, first two kings of Israel, we learn many lessons
- We see two types of hearts, one God rejects and the other God accepts
- We contrast Saul and David so that we may learn how we may please God and turn away from rebellion
- Viewing their actions, we see their hearts as they respond to God

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Saul At First Appeared Humble

1Sa 9:2 He had a son whose name was Saul, a choice and handsome *man*, and there was not a more handsome person than he among the sons of Israel; from his shoulders and up he was taller than any of the people.

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1Sa 9:21 Saul replied, "Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak to me in this way?"

1Sa 10:21 Then he brought the tribe of Benjamin near by its families, and the Matrite family was taken. And Saul the son of Kish was taken; but when they looked for him, he could not be found.

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Saul At First Appeared Humble

1Sa 10:22 Therefore they inquired further of the LORD, "Has the man come here yet?" So the LORD said, "Behold, he is hiding himself by the baggage."

1Sa 10:23 So they ran and took him from there, and when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward.

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Saul At First Appeared Humble

1Sa 10:24 Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him whom the LORD has chosen? Surely there is no one like him among all the people." So all the people shouted and said, "Long live the king!"

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Saul's Flawed Character Begins To Be Revealed

1Sa 13:8 Now he waited seven days, according to the appointed time set by Samuel, but Samuel did not come to Gilgal; and the people were scattering from him.

1Sa 13:9 So Saul said, "Bring to me the burnt offering and the peace offerings." And he offered the burnt offering.

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1Sa 13:10 As soon as he finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him *and* to greet him.

1Sa 13:11 But Samuel said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "Because I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the appointed days, and that the Philistines were assembling at Michmash,

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1Sa 13:12 therefore I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not asked the favor of the LORD.' So I forced myself and offered the burnt offering."

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1Sa 13:13 Samuel said to Saul, "You have acted foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, for now the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.

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1Sa 13:14 "But now your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

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Pride, Fear, Denial and Attempts To Justify His Sins

1Sa 15:3 "Now go and strike Amalek and utterly destroy all that he has, and do not spare him; but put to death both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey."

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1Sa 15:20 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I did obey the voice of the LORD, and went on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and have brought back Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

1Sa 15:21 "But the people took *some* of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the choicest of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God at Gilgal."

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Pride, Fear, Denial and Attempts To Justify His Sins

1Sa 15:22 Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, *And* to heed than the fat of rams.

1Sa 15:23 "For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from *being* king."

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God Chooses David To Replace Saul

1Sa 16:6 When they entered, he looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is before Him."

1Sa 16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

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God Chooses David To Replace Saul

1Sa 16:10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these."

1Sa 16:12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he."

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1Sa 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

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David Facing Goliath Provides A Contrast With Saul

1Sa 17:33 Then Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are *but* a youth while he has been a warrior from his youth."

1Sa 17:34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant was tending his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and took a lamb from the flock,

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1Sa 17:35 I went out after him and attacked him, and rescued *it* from his mouth; and when he rose up against me, I seized *him* by his beard and struck him and killed him.

1Sa 17:36 "Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, since he has taunted the armies of the living God."

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1Sa 17:37 And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and may the LORD be with you."

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David Facing Goliath Provides A Contrast With Saul

1Sa 17:40 He took his stick in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in *his* pouch, and his sling was in his hand; and he approached the Philistine.

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David Did Not Take Revenge Against Saul

1Sa 24:4 The men of David said to him, "Behold, *this is* the day of which the LORD said to you, 'Behold; I am about to give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you.'" Then David arose and cut off the edge of Saul's robe secretly.

1Sa 24:5 It came about afterward that David's conscience bothered him because he had cut off the edge of Saul's *robe*. 25

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1Sa 24:6 So he said to his men, "Far be it from me because of the LORD that I should do this thing to my lord, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch out my hand against him, since he is the LORD'S anointed."

1Sa 24:7 David persuaded his men with *these* words and did not allow them to rise up against Saul. And Saul arose, left the cave, and went on *his* way. 26

David Was Willing To Confess His Sins and Repent

2Sa 12:13 Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has taken away your sin; you shall not die.

2Sa 12:14 "However, because by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die." 27

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2Sa 12:15 So Nathan went to his house. Then the LORD struck the child that Uriah's widow bore to David, so that he was *very* sick. 28

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Psa 51:1 **For the choir director. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.** Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions.

Psa 51:2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity And cleanse me from my sin. 29

David Was Willing To Confess His Sins and Repent

Psa 51:3 For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me.

Psa 51:4 Against You, You only, I have sinned And done what is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak And blameless when You judge. 30

David Was Willing To Confess His Sins and Repent

Psa 51:16 For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering.

Psa 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

What Type of Heart Am I?

Act 13:22 "After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.'