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**WEEK 22**

**May 26**

### Ch. 13

Chapters 13-14 record the battle against the Philistines at Michmash that occurred in the second year of King Saul's reign. In Chapter 13, Saul waited for Samuel (10:8) because Samuel promised Saul that he would come within seven days to offer a sacrifice. When Samuel was delayed, Saul did not wait but offered a sacrifice to God. When Samuel came, Saul rationalized his decision (verse 11) as to the reasons for which he offered the burnt offering:

- 1) The people were scattered from me,
  - 2)
  - 3) The Philistines gathered at Michmash (the danger of the Philistines attacking)
- It is understandable that Saul, who was in a crisis, offered a sacrifice in a hurry. However, even in the midst of a crisis, we need to believe in God and 'obey by waiting for the full seven days.'

### Ch. 14

In this chapter, we can detect Jonathan and Saul's attitude toward the Philistines. Jonathan's attitude was that the uncircumcised Philistines should not insult the living God, and he believed that God would work with him (6). On the other hand, Saul's attitude was that the Philistines were "my" enemies who threatened "my" and "my" throne (v. 24). Jonathan thought it was God's war and fought on God's side, but Saul thought it was his war and gathered people for himself. Looking at verses 47-48, after Saul ascended to the throne of Israel, what kind of people did Saul gather for the war, even though God had given him victory over all his enemies on all sides? (v. 52)

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### Ch. 15

In verses 1-3 of this chapter, Samuel tells Saul to attack the Amalekites and destroy everything they have, sparing nothing (see Exodus 17:14, Deuteronomy 25:19). However, Saul kept the good things and destroyed only worthless and trivial things. Saul rationalized this by saying that the reason was that he wanted to sacrifice the best things to God (verse 21), but what was Saul's real reason? (verse 24)

### Ch. 16

This chapter records Samuel going to Jesse's house in Bethlehem to find the second king. Jesse's sons came to Samuel, and when Samuel saw the eldest son, Eliab, he thought, "This is indeed the man the Lord has chosen." This is because Eliab was a good looking man. However, God's standards for a man are completely different than man's standards. "Man looks on the (.....) appearance, but the Lord looks on the (.....)."

- God sees our hearts and knows our minds. We cannot know the hearts of people, but we must be aware of God who sees the heart and be careful not to judge people by their appearance.

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### Ch. 17

This chapter records the battle between David and Goliath, which we all know well. David declared to Goliath, the representative Philistine general, "I come to you in the name of the Lord Almighty" (v. 45), and said that the Israelites would know two things from this victory in battle. Find and write these two things (vv. 46-47)

### Ch. 18

David acted wisely wherever Saul sent him (v. 5), and the reason David was able to act wisely in everything he did was because the Lord was with David (v. 15). David was loved by all of Israel, but the king at that time, Saul, feared David. Why did Saul fear David? (vv. 12, 15, 28-29)

**Ch. 19**

Chapter 19 begins the record of David's difficult journey to escape from Saul, who was trying to kill him. Where did David go to escape from Saul with the help of Saul's son Jonathan and daughter Michal? (Verse 18)

- Ramah is close to Gibeah and is a place with many people coming and going, so it was not a good place to hide. Nevertheless, David fled to Gibeah because Samuel was there. In this difficult situation, David fled to the prophet Samuel, to the place where God's word was rather than to seek physical safety. Are you in a difficult situation? Let's seek God's word.

**Ch. 20**

As recorded in chapter 18, Jonathan knew the heart of his father Saul, who wanted to kill David; so Jonathan helped David escape. David's heart toward Jonathan is shown in verse 41.

"David rose from beside the stone heap and fell on his face to the ground and (.....) three times. And they kissed one another and wept with one another, (.....) weeping the most."

- Jonathan loved the man God had chosen as king, even though he could not become king, and he was a friend David could trust even in danger. We have a friend who loves us more and can trust more than Jonathan. That friend is Jesus.

**Ch. 21**

This chapter records David's continuing flight from Saul. He fled from the priest's village of Nob to a Philistines village, Gath. Gath was the hometown of Goliath. In chapter 17, David defeated Goliath and won, but now he fled to that land and pretended to be crazy to save his own life, which is pitiful. Psalm 34 is a psalm written by David after he pretended to be crazy before King Achish of Gath and was driven out. David confesses what he realized as follows:

"Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Blessed is the man who takes (.....) in him!

Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,

for those who fear him have no lack!" (Ps. 34 vv. 8-9).

**Ch. 22**

David, after fleeing to Philistines, became weak, discouraged, and fearful, and now fled to the cave of Adullam (v. 1). In Psalm 142, which appears to have been written while David was in the cave of Adullam, David confesses:

"Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge remains to me; no one cares for my soul.

I cry to you, O Lord; I say, "You are my (.....), my (.....) in the land of the living." (Ps. 142, vv. 4-5)

\* As David took refuge in God alone in the cave of Adullam; we all can take refuge in God in any situation.

**Ch. 23**

This chapter records David's continuing flight to Keilah, then to the wilderness of Ziph, and then to the wilderness of Maon. David's was still in danger, but God protected him. God comforted David in a completely unexpected way. Jonathan came to find David, whom Saul had not been able to find no matter how hard he searched. Why did Jonathan come to find David? (Verse 16)

- Jonathan, who encouraged David not to lose faith and not to give up, must have been a gift from God.

**Ch. 24**

This chapter records that David had a chance to kill Saul but spared Saul's life even though Saul and his 3,000 warriors were hunting David to kill him.

"May the (.....) judge between me and you, may the (.....) avenge me against you, but my hand shall not be against you."

- Through David's example of believing that God would judge Saul, who pursued him to the end with the intention of killing him. Let us entrust all of our relationship problems to God.