

Outline: The Book of 1 Samuel

I. Samuel—God’s man (1-8)

- A.** The birth of Samuel (1-2)
- B.** The call of Samuel (3)
- C.** The last judge and the first prophet (4-8)

II. Saul—Satan’s man (9-15)

- A.** Saul is chosen as king (9).
- B.** Saul is anointed as king (10).
- C.** Saul defeats the Ammonites (11).
- D.** Saul receives authority (12).
- E.** Saul rebels against God (13).
- F.** Saul steals credit for the victory over the Philistines (14).
- G.** Saul disobedient and rebellious (15).

III. David—God’s man (16-31)

- A.** David is anointed as king (16).
- B.** David—the giant killer (17).
- C.** The covenant between David and Jonathan (18).
- D.** Saul attempts to take David’s life (19).

- E.** Jonathan helps David escape (20-21).
- F.** Saul destroys the priests of God (22).
- G.** David fighting and, on the run (23).
- H.** David spares Saul's life, and Samuel dies (24-25).
- I.** David spares Saul's life for a second time (26).
- J.** David retreats, and Saul consults a witch (27-28).
- K.** The battles continue (29-30).
- L.** Saul commits suicide (31).

Discussion Questions: 1 Samuel

Samuel—God's man (1-8)

1. What can we learn about faith from Hannah's prayer?
2. What does Hannah's song reveal about her commitment and character?
3. How should 3:21 influence our commitment to God's word?
4. Why did Israel raise a great shout (4:6)? What can we learn from this?
5. Why did Israel demand a king (chapter 8)?

Saul—Satan's man (9-15)

1. Why did Israel want a king (9-10)?

2. What are some of the differences between the leadership practices of Saul and David?

David—God's man (16-31)

1. What does God's choosing of David teach us about qualifications for serving Him (16)?
2. Why was David so courageous (17)?
3. What fueled the jealousy of Saul (18)?
4. Why did Saul destroy the priests (22)?
5. Why does David spare Saul's life (24&26)?