

David: God's Choice for King

I. INTRODUCTION

II. SAUL, THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE

A. A Brief Contextual History

1. The time span between Joshua and the first king of Israel was from approximately _____ to _____ BC.
2. Israel desired a _____ to lead them into battle; they wanted to be like all the _____ (1 Samuel 8).

B. The Rejection of Saul As King

1. Saul was only God's _____, i.e., He allowed it and gave Israel what she desired. However, God's _____ for Israel was _____ all along.
2. After a time Saul lost his _____ of who was really in charge and who ultimately won the battles for Israel (1 Sam. 13:3-4), and he began to function _____ of the Lord (1 Sam. 15).

III. THE RISE OF DAVID

A. The Anointing of David

1. As David was anointed by Samuel he was _____ by the _____ of the living, all powerful God for the job that he would be asked to do, that is, _____ the nation (1 Sam. 16).
2. When David received the _____ of the Lord after his anointing, the Spirit of the Lord (at that precise moment) _____ from King Saul and a _____ spirit was permitted by the Lord to arrive in His place (1 Sam. 16:13-14).

B. In the King's Service

1. David's placement in the _____ was a valuable time for him to not only observe the "royal court life," but to experience it as well. This was _____ for the future role that he would play as king.
2. Whenever the evil spirit _____ Saul, David played the harp and it would depart from him _____ (1 Sam. 16:22-23).

C. David vs. Goliath

1. David had seen this scoffing by Goliath as scorn against the living God of Israel, his _____, rather than against the _____ of Israel (1 Sam. 17:21-31).
2. Goliath had been boasting in his _____ abilities and strength, David was boasting in _____, and he had victory by _____ rather than by sword (1 Sam. 17).

D. Difficulty With Saul

1. The song sung by the women is where it all starts, where the seed of _____ is planted firmly in the soil of Saul's soul, and it grows into _____, and even _____ (1 Sam. 18:6-9).
2. Saul's strange, neurotic behavior which _____ the rest of his life until his death, certainly impaired his _____ when it came to the kind of relationship he _____ he had with David.

E. Flight from Saul

1. After Saul had made _____ attempts to take David's life by trying to _____ him with his javelin, David wisely concluded that Saul's _____ were not in his best interests, and he fled from Saul's presence (1 Sam 20:31-34).
2. David would now be viewed as a common _____, and he would be _____ by the same army that he once _____.

IV. CONCLUSION

**Principle #1*

One plus God equals the _____, despite the numbers.

**Principle #2*

When trials come (and they will), we can be _____ that the God of this universe is _____ us and them, and He will work out Romans 8:28.

**Principle #3*

If your ultimate goal is to escape _____ and _____, you will ultimately escape _____.