



David: A study on his life.

Part 1 God's heart, God's man, God's ways.

To begin with think about what you know about David. Who was he, his family, his friends, what he did, what were his strengths, weaknesses. Good points and bad points, what did he look like?

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Nothing that would make us go "WOW" that's God's man. The only description we get of him is physical from Samuel the Prophet.

1 Samuel 16:12 And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and with a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look at. And the Lord said, arise, anoint him for this is he.

He was nothing more than the kid next door. Even his dad Jesse nearly forgot about him. Samuel asks "are these all your sons" and Jesse as an afterthought remembers that he has another son, David out in the fields looking after the sheep.

Samuel says "go and get him"

Suddenly a nobody became a somebody. "This is the chosen one"

Before we look at his life, let's look back 40 years and get some background and history so we can appreciate the world David lived in.

Eli the priest had gone, his wicked sons had gone, Samuel the last of the judges was getting old and had appointed his sons to judge over Israel. But things were not good.

1 Samuel 8:1-3 Read

Here we had two judges, overseers who were not living up to their names.

Joel: Jehovah is God (Clearly not)

Abiah Worshipper, Taken from Abba, the Lord.

Verse three echoes so much of what is happening in today's world. And due this corruption and perverted judgement, the people get disillusioned. The elders gather

Verse 4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together and came to Samuel at Ramah.

Verse 5 And said unto him, Behold you are old, your sons do not walk in your ways, now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

What three things did they complain about?

1. 2.
3.

It was the last demand that disappointed Samuel and God. " We want to be like all the others"

They looked around to other nations and wanted to be like the Philistines, the Moabites and the Jebusites who had ruling kings.

They wanted a leader on earth and not in heaven

Perhaps from this we could expect God to get angry. Samuel did.

God's reply:

What two things did God tell Samuel about Israel?

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1 Samuel 8:7-8

God tells Samuel, "don't take it personal, they have rejected me not you. Listen they have not listened to me since I took them out of Egypt. They have not listened to me, so don't expect them to listen to you.

From this, it would appear that Israel have got their own way. But not for long. Sometimes God just lets things go and people chose. After all He has all the time in the world.

So they Chose:

1 Samuel 9:2 Read

Saul: Demand, Asked of

Description A selected youth, Head and Shoulders above all others.

He was tall, dark and handsome so often the way people get chosen today.

All about image. How important is image today. The outward look. Should the church just look good from an outward appearance or should it matter what is on the inside.

Exodus 39:32-34 Read

What was the outward covering? Verse

Why do you think God designed it this way?

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Saul started well. He was 40 years old when anointed king, but he very quickly became thin skinned, bad tempered, and had bouts of depression. Even thoughts of murder. **The image wore off!!**

So much for the people's choice!!

David was born about 10 years after Saul became king. Around the time that things started to decline. But what do you do when your choices go wrong?

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The birth of David was God's answer. He intervenes. He did it for Israel that he loved and He will do it for us that He loves.

1 Samuel 13:13-14 Read

Who was Samuel talking about in verse 14 ?.....

How did Samuel describe him?

A man, just a man but what a man he was!!

More has been written about David than any biblical character.

Abraham Had 14 chapters dedicated to his life.

Joseph Had 14 chapters dedicated to his life.

Jacob Had eleven.

Elijah Had Ten

David had 66 Chapters and 59 New Testament references

Twice he was referred to as " a man after God's heart"

A superhero, and outstanding person who always got things right?

Never did anything wrong!!

Why did God chose David?