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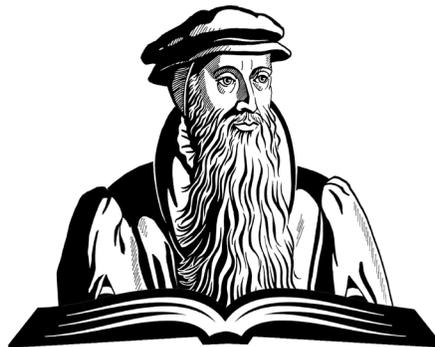
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Lesson 54:

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Lesson 54

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The First Book of Samuel, chapters 11 through 15

Memory Verse

“And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.”

1 Samuel 15:22

Historical Summary

After Saul was anointed king, the Ammonites threatened the people of Jabesh who lived in Gilead. They intended to kill the people of Jabesh, and promised to spare them only if they agreed to have their right eyes plucked out, and to become slaves to their attackers! Obviously, their options were distressing. When Saul heard of their treatment, he organized a large army, and defeated the Ammonites. For his heroic rescue of the people of Jabesh, the Israelites extolled and respected their new king.

Before Samuel died, he called a meeting with all Israel. He reminded them how he had served them as their judge, and how Israel prospered during this time. But they demanded a king anyway, and God gave them one because of their insistence and hardness of heart. Samuel warned them that they should walk in God’s ways, and then the Lord would not forsake them. If they refused to obey, God would come upon them with his judgments.

After Saul became king, the Philistines gathered against Israel in war. Saul called Samuel to perform a sacrifice, and to ask the Lord to go with them and help them, and Samuel agreed to come. But while Saul waited for Samuel to come, his soldiers became impatient, so Saul decided to perform the sacrifice himself. In this, Saul was disobedient, and therefore Samuel said Saul and his men would lose the war. The Philistines gathered around Mizpeh in preparation for their attack.



Jonathan secretly left the army of Saul with his armor bearer and fought against a garrison of Philistines. When Saul sees the enemy fleeing, he proclaimed a fast, and forbade anyone to eat anything that day, on threat of death. But Jonathan ate some honey because he did not know about Saul’s proclamation, and Saul intended to kill him for his disobedience. But the people would not allow this to happen, because Jonathan had shown great bravery in battle.

Samuel told Saul that God had commanded him to destroy the Amalekites. The Amalekites had been cruel to Israel when Israel journeyed from Egypt to Canaan. Saul did go to battle, but he did not completely destroy the enemy, as he was commanded. Instead, he spared the life of the king, and he took the animals as a spoil of war. When Samuel confronted Saul, Saul made excuses for his disobedience. But God punished Saul by taking away the kingdom from him.

The Gospel in the Old Testament

Israel was to be a theocratic nation—a nation ruled by the laws of God. It was called to be a covenant nation, one which was to set an example for the nations around them. Often, however, the kings they had chosen led them in a wicked path, as did Saul. Therefore Saul was replaced with a new king—King David, who pointed to the coming of a spiritual King, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Messiah that would come would atone for a sinful people, and establish a new spiritual kingdom which will never be destroyed. That kingdom is still being built today and will continue until the very end of time. That kingdom will include people from every tribe and nation. How necessary it is for each of us to be included in that everlasting kingdom. He is still building that kingdom today. Let us ask for the Holy Spirit's grace to teach us, and to lead us to that only Mediator.

Questions

1. On what condition would the Ammonites spare the men of Jabesh? (1 Samuel 11)
 - a. Give up their wives
 - b. Pay a high tax
 - c. Put out their right eyes
 - d. Become permanent slaves

2. What did Samuel do to prove that he was sent by the Lord? (1 Samuel 12)
 - a. Called for thunder and rain.
 - b. Made a great sacrifice.
 - c. Led an army into battle.
 - d. Killed five dangerous kings.

3. Where did the fearful Israelites hide themselves? (1 Samuel 13)
 - a. In a fortified city.
 - b. In caves
 - c. In the desert
 - d. In the tents

4. What sign was used by Jonathan to see if he would be successful against the Philistines? (1 Samuel 14)
 - a. An invitation of the garrison
 - b. A sound in the trees
 - c. A fleece upon the ground
 - d. A demand of his father.

5. Why were the Amalekites to be completely destroyed? (1 Samuel 15)

- a. For their cruelty to Israel some years earlier
- b. Because they took away Israel's land.
- c. For their idol worship.
- d. For building a wicked city

Discussions

1. What did Saul's defense do for the people of Jabesh? (1 Samuel 11)

2. What was Samuel's message about the future of Israel? (1 Samuel 12)

3. Show from chapter 13 that it is a foolish thing to make rash promises. (1 Samuel 13)

4. What was wrong with Saul preparing a burnt offering in the place of Samuel? (1 Samuel 14)

5. Why was the kingdom taken away from Saul? (1 Samuel 15)

6. What is the “good news” that can be found in all the sin, war and bloodshed that is found in this part of the Old Testament? (1 Samuel 11-15)

7. How did a broken natural kingdom make way for the coming spiritual kingdom?
