

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE FOR 09/17/12 TO 09/23/12

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012 Read I Samuel 9:1 to 10:27

Jesus once told his disciples, "Your Father in heaven give(s) good gifts to those who ask him" (Matthew 7:11). Even though Israel's motive in asking for a king had been sinful, still the Lord love His people. He wanted them to have good leadership. As you read today, list the qualities you see in Saul the son of Kish that would have made him a blessing to those whom he ruled.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 Read I Samuel 11:1 to 15

Despite his having been anointed king, Saul seems have gone back home to farm. As chapter 11 opens, the town of Jabesh Gilead is under attack by an Ammonite tribal chieftain. As you read, note Saul's response to the troubles his people face.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012 Read I Samuel 12:1 to 25

Israel has gathered at Gilgal to "renew the kingdom" (11:14 NKJV). The people are ready to unite under Saul against the Philistines and the other enemies they face. As they worship there (11:14-15), Samuel stands to speak. Note the "pastor's heart" the Lord has placed within him- what he says, he says only for the nation's good, not for his own gain.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012 Read I Samuel 13:1 to 23

Anyone who reads this chapter of I Samuel from a merely human viewpoint won't get it. Viewed, though, from the Lord's perspective, Saul's unbelief can't be denied or explained away.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2012 Read I Samuel 14:1 to 52

In chapter 10 we saw Saul filled with the power of God's Spirit and relying on Him. But more and more as the story continues, we see Saul trying to maintain his authority in Israel by creating the outward appearance of closeness to the Lord. Appearance vs. reality. As you read, notice the outwardly "religious" actions Saul takes. Contrast these with the true faithfulness to the Lord shown by Jonathan.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2012 Read I Samuel 15:1 to 35

A tragedy. The dictionary defines it as a "dramatic composition that evokes pity and terror by a succession of unhappy events bring the lead character to catastrophe through some fatal flaw." Keep this definition in mind today as you continue to read the account of Saul's reign. What made the story of Saul's life tragic?

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2012 COME TO WORSHIP WITH US IN THE MORNING AND ATTEND THE MEN'S OR LADIES' MEETINGS AND THEN CATCH UP ON ANY READINGS YOU MISSED IN THE AFTERNOON OR EVENING.