

Lessons from the Life of King Saul

I Sam. 31:1-6

- ***Saul's Character At The Beginning***

- Obedient and respectful. (I Sam. 9:3-4)
- Diligent. (I Sam. 9:4-5)
- Concerned about his father. (I Sam. 9:5)
- Respectful of Samuel, the man of God. (I Sam. 9:7)
- Humble. (I Sam. 9:20-21; 10:14-16,22)
- Not hasty in his actions. (I Sam. 10:25-27)
- Working. (I Sam. 11:5)
- Righteous indignation. (I Sam. 11:6)
- Not vengeful. (I Sam. 11:13)
- Recognizes that the victory belongs to God. (I Sam. 11:13)

- ***What Went Wrong?***

- ***Saul lost his faith in the God.***

- I Sam. 13:8-15 → "...¹³ And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the Lord have established thy kingdom upon Israel forever.¹⁴ But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the Lord hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the Lord commanded thee..." (cf. I Sam. 17:31-36)

- ***Saul lost his humility.***

- I Sam. 15:12 → "Then Samuel got up early to meet Saul the next morning. But Samuel was informed, "Saul has gone to Carmel where he is setting up a monument for himself. (NET)
- I Sam. 15:17 → "¹⁷ Samuel said, "Is it not true that when you were insignificant in your own eyes, you became head of the tribes of Israel? (NET)

- ***Saul became jealous, bitter and vengeful toward others.***

- I Sam. 18:9-11 → "And Saul eyed David from that day and forward. 10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. ¹¹ And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice. ¹² And Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, and was departed from Saul."