

I Samuel #1

Chapter 1

- 1) How many wives did Elkanah have?
- 2) "He had two wives: the name of one was Hannah and the name of the other Peninnah; and Peninnah had _____, but Hannah had _____."
- 3) Where did Elkanah and his family go every year to worship?
- 4) What did he do for Hannah that he did not do for Peninnah at sacrifice time?
- 5) Why did he do this?
- 6) Who is Hannah's rival mentioned in verses 6 & 7?
- 7) From these verses, what is one reason you think God made marriage, *one man and one woman*?
- 8) Did this rivalry bother Hannah?
- 9) She, greatly distressed, prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. Have you ever felt like Hannah?
- 10) "She made a _____ and said, 'O LORD of hosts, if Thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of Thy maid servant and remember me, and not forget Thy maid servant, but wilt give Thy maid servant a _____, then I will _____ to the LORD all the days of his life, and a _____ shall never come on his head.'"
- 11) What's the deal with the razor restriction? (read Numbers 6:2-8)
 - a) Just a strange deal she made with God
 - b) She hated barbers
 - c) It meant that he was going to be a Nazarite
- 12) Who saw her praying to herself?
- 13) What did he think was going on?
- 14) Did he ignore what he thought was going on?
- 15) "Hannah answered and said, 'No, my lord, I am a woman _____ in spirit; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have _____ out my _____ before the LORD.'"
- 16) This verse reminds me of Psalm 62:8: "Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Selah." Isn't that a cool verse?
- 17) What did Eli request of the Lord when he heard Hannah's real situation?
- 18) Read verse 18. Once she committed this to the Lord, how did she change?
- 19) The next morning, what was Hannah able to do that it seemed she could not do before?
 - a) Sing
 - b) Worship
 - c) Talk
- 20) What happened next?
- 21) Why did Hannah delay taking Samuel up to the house of the Lord the next year?
- 22) What did she say she planned to do with Samuel once he was old enough?
- 23) Did her husband disagree?
- 24) Read Numbers 30:10-14. Could a husband over ride the vow of his wife?
- 25) Since he did not over ride it immediately, was responsible to honor the vow?
- 26) According to verse 24, did Hannah wait until Samuel was old to fulfill her vow?
- 27) "For this boy I _____, and the LORD has given me my petition which I asked of Him. So I have also _____ him to the LORD; as _____ as he _____ he is dedicated to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there."
- 28) Does this sound like a prayer of dedication that every parent should pray?

Chapter 2:1-10

- 1) Read Hannah's prayer in verses 1-10. Does it sound like Hannah is depressed?
- 2) Does she still seem to have a few issues with Peninnah?
- 3) "There is no one holy like the LORD, indeed, there is no one besides Thee, nor is there any rock like our God." Isn't that a cool verse?
- 4) What do you see in verses 4-7?
 - a) God can make things change
 - b) God is out to get us
 - c) Life has no rhyme or reason
- 5) "Anointed" is the Old Testament word for "Christ". Who do you think verse 10 is talking about?
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I Samuel #2

Chapter 2:11-36

- 1) Who was Samuel raised by?
- 2) What were two characteristics of Eli's other children?
 - a)
 - b)
- 3) Did Eli's sons prefer meat that was boiled or Bar-B-Q (roasted)?
- 4) According to Leviticus 3:16, when you made a sacrifice, who did the fat belong to?
- 5) Did Eli's son follow the scripture?
- 6) "Thus the _____ of the young men was _____ great before the LORD, for the men _____ the offering of the LORD."
- 7) Does God take worship seriously?
- 8) While Eli's sons were stealing food and insulting the lord's sacrifice, what was Samuel doing?
- 9) What present did his mother give him every year?
- 10) What did Eli ask the Lord to do for Hannah?
- 11) How many other children did she have?
- 12) What was the worst thing Eli's sons were doing?
- 13) While they were sinning, Samuel was, "_____ in stature and in _____ both with the LORD and with men.
- 14) Who did Eli honor most? a) The Lord b) His son's c) Baal
- 15) This is a very important verse for everyone to memorize. "Those who _____ Me I will _____, and those who _____ Me will be lightly esteemed."
- 16) Do you think this verse is still true today or has God changed?
- 17) Since God had previously promised that there would always be priest in Israel (Jewish people named Cohen-Hebrew for priest- are from this family), what did he say would happen to Eli's descendants according to verse 33?
- 18) What sign did God say He would give about Eli's sons to show He was serious?
- 19) "I will raise up for Myself a _____ priest who will do according to what is in ____ heart and in My soul; and I will build _____ an _____, and he will walk before My anointed always."

Chapter 3

- 1) Some people say that the Lord is always giving his people visions and speaking the word of God through His people. Is this true according to verse 1?
- 2) Where did the boy Samuel sleep?
- 3) Who spoke to Samuel in the night?
- 4) Who did he think was calling him?
- 5) What two things do we know from verse 7?
 - a)
 - b)
- 6) After Sam heard the voice the third time, what did Eli tell Samuel to do?
- 7) "Then the LORD _____ and _____ and called as at other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for Thy servant is listening.'"
- 8) If the Lord "came and stood", was this... a) Just a spirit, b) A voice or c) A real being
- 9) Did God say something simple to Samuel?
- 10) What did Eli not do that he should have done, concerning his sons?
- 11) Why didn't Samuel tell Eli the vision right away?
- 12) Did Eli know who had spoken to Samuel?
- 13) Does verse 17 make it sound like Eli had a feeling that the vision was going to be about him and his family?
- 14) "May God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the words that He spoke to you." Does this sound like a threat?
- 15) Did Samuel tell Eli everything?
- 16) Did Samuel just grow physically through these things?
- 17) Who became a well known prophet?

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Chapter 4

- 1) Does it sound like Samuel was becoming a well known Prophet?
- 2) Who were the Israelites at war with?
- 3) How many men did Israel lose in the first battle?
- 4) How many people died on, “9/11”? a) about 3,000 b) 10,000 c) 100,000
- 5) Consider how “9/11” affected our country. Do you think this defeat would have been even more devastating to this tiny country of Israel?
- 6) In light of the defeat, what did the people of Israel decide to do?
- 7) How did the Israelites react to seeing the ark?
- 8) How did the Philistines react when they heard the excitement in the camp of Israel?
- 9) Had they heard of Yahweh (the LORD)?
- 10) Did they decide to quit the battle or fight it out?
- 11) Who won the battle? How many Israelites were killed this time?
- 12) What happened to the ark? What happened to Hophni and Phinehas?
- 13) Why do you think the Israelites were defeated? (Choose one)
 - a) The Lord couldn't deliver them
 - b) The Philistines were too strong
 - c) They thought the ark was magic instead of really seeking the Lord
- 14) How did the 98 year old Eli react to the news?
- 15) When did Eli die? a) When he heard of the death of his sons b) When he heard of the ark's capture
- 16) What name did Eli's daughter-in-law give her son when she heard the news?
- 17) Ichabod means, “no glory”. Why did she give her son this name?

Chapter 5

- 1) Where did the Philistines do with the ark of God?
- 2) The god Dagon was a half man/half fish. What happened to Dagon that first night?
- 3) What happened the next night?
- 4) What tradition did the Dagon worshipers establish from that time forward?
- 5) “The hand of the _____ was _____ on the Ashdodites, and He ravaged them and smote them with _____, both Ashdod and its territories.”
- 6) Read verse 7. Does it sound like the Philistines thought Dagon was stronger than the LORD?
- 7) In verses 8, who figured that the people of Ashdod were a bunch of cowards and decided that they would take the ark?
- 8) What happened to them?
- 9) Were the people of Ekron glad to be next to take the ark?
- 10) “They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines and said, ‘Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it return to _____, that it may not _____ us and our people.’”
- 11) Were the Philistines beginning to realize how powerful the LORD was?

Chapter 6:1-12

- 1) How long did the ark stay with the Philistines?
- 2) Who did the Philistines consult about what to do next?
- 3) “They said, ‘If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, do not send it _____; but you shall surely return to Him a _____ offering.’”
- 4) What guilt offering did the Philistines give?
- 5) What animal seemed to be spreading the plague?
- 6) In verse 5 they were told to, “give _____ to the God of Israel.”
- 7) Can God receive glory even when we fail Him?
- 8) What argument did they use in verse 6 to say the ark should be returned immediately?
- 9) Read verses 7-12. Were they still a little doubtful that God had done these things?
- 10) Why would using milch (nursing) cows prove God had done this? (choose one)
 - a) A nursing mother (cow) would not leave her calf b) Cows are holy
- 11) How do we know the cows didn't want to leave their calves?

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Chapter 6:13-21

- 1) Were the people of Beth-Shemesh upset when they saw the cart with the ark?
- 2) What was the first thing the people of Israel did? (choose one)
 - 1) Had a party
 - 2) Made sacrifices
 - 3) Had a praise service
- 3) Did the five lords of the philistines want to take the ark back?
- 4) Alongside the ark in another box were 5 golden _____ and 5 golden_____. This represented a sacrifice from the 5 cities of the Philistines.
- 5) He struck down some of the men of Beth-shemesh because they had _____ into the _____ of the LORD. He struck down of all the people, _____ men, and the people mourned because the LORD had struck the people with a great slaughter.
- 6) Does it sound like the lord takes his holy things seriously?
- 7) Read Deut. 10:1 & 2. What was inside the ark?
- 8) What happens when we are exposed to the law? 1) life 2) happiness 3) judgement and death
- 9) Do you think the people of Beth-shemesh were scared?
- 10) Where did they want to send the ark?

Chapter 7

- 1) Did it take a lot of courage to do what the people of Kiriath-jearim did?
- 2) How long did the ark stay in the house of Abinadab?
- 3) Do you think they looked inside the ark?
- 4) This is a powerful verse: "Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, "If you _____ to the LORD with _____ your heart, remove the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you and _____ your _____ to the LORD and _____ Him alone; and He will _____ you from the hand of the Philistines."
- 5) Do you think we could still learn a lot from this admonition that Samuel gave Israel?
- 6) What might some of our "foreign gods" be in our lives?
- 7) How did Israel respond?
- 8) Who interceded for Israel?
- 9) What is the most important thing the people of Israel said in verse 6?
- 10) When we decide to rededicate ourselves to the Lord, Satan often attacks. What happened while the people of Israel were fasting and confessing their sins?
- 11) Who did the people of Israel look to for salvation in verse 8?
- 12) What was Samuel doing when the Philistines came to attack?
- 13) How did the Lord deliver Israel?
- 14) *Ebenezer* means, "stone of help". Why did Samuel set up a stone and name it *Ebenezer* here?
- 15) How long did the Israelites keep the Philistines out of their land?
- 16) Who was the first "circuit riding" preacher found in verse 16?

Chapter 8:1-8

- 1) Who did Samuel appoint to judge Israel when he was old?
- 2) Was this a good idea? Why?
- 3) Do dedicated parents always produce dedicated kids?
- 4) What did the elders of Israel ask for?
- 5) How did Samuel feel about this?
- 6) LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not _____, but they have _____ from being _____ over them.
- 7) Who was supposed to be their king?
- 8) Do we often do the same thing by not looking to the Lord for our help?

I Samuel #5

Chapter 8:9-22

- 1) In verse 8, the people of Israel, who had judges to rule them, asked Samuel to appoint a king.
What did God tell Samuel to do in verse 9?
- 2) If they had a king, what did Samuel warn the people would happen to:
 - 1) Their sons-
 - 2) Their daughters-
 - 3) Their fields, vineyards and olive groves-
 - 4) Their harvests-
 - 5) Their servants-
 - 6) Their donkeys and flocks-
 - 7) The people themselves-
- 3) What would the people finally do in verse 18?
- 4) Would God listen to them?
- 5) Did this change the people's minds?
- 6) Who did the people of Israel want to be like?
- 7) What was God's final answer to the people's request?

Chapter 9

- 1) Kish's son, Saul, was "a choice and handsome man". Who was more handsome than he was?
- 2) How much taller was he than anyone else?
- 3) What did Saul go looking for?
- 4) Why was Saul going to give up the search?
- 5) What did his servant advise him to do?
- 6) What is another name for a "prophet"?
- 7) Why did the "man of God" happen to be in the city that day?
- 8) Who did this "man of God" who was a "seer (prophet)" turn out to be?
- 9) Why was Samuel not surprised to have Saul show up?
- 10) About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall _____ him to be _____ over My people Israel; and he shall _____ My people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have regarded My people, because their _____ has come to Me."
- 11) Does it seem like Saul knew who he was talking to in verse 18?
- 12) Did Samuel think Saul should worry about the donkeys?
- 13) When Samuel told Saul that he could have all that was desirable in Israel, was he surprised?
- 14) Saul answered and said, "Am I not a Benjamite, of the _____ of the tribes of Israel, and my family the _____ of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak _____ in this way?"
- 15) Does it sound like Saul was a humble man?
- 16) When Samuel took Saul and his servant to the feast, where did he have them sit?
- 17) Who had Samuel already given special instructions to?
- 18) Do you think Saul was surprised by his special treatment?
- 19) Why did Samuel want to speak to Saul in private in verse 27?

Chapter 10:1

- 1) What did Samuel do in verse 1?
- 2) What did he say?
- 3) Anointing (pouring oil on) a person was the way that you declared him to be **king**. In the New Testament "Christ" means, "anointed one". Jesus is our _____!
- 4) Do you think Saul was shocked by all this?
- 5) Did he immediately give him a robe and a royal throne?
- 6) Do God's plans sometimes take a while to go into affect?

I Samuel #6

Chapter 10:2-27

- 1) After Samuel told Saul he was going to be ruler over Israel, what did he tell him next? (choose 1)
 - a) How to raise an army
 - b) Where to buy a crown
 - c) What happened to his donkeys
- 2) What other specific predictions did he make to Saul, to prove God had chosen him? (vss 3-7)
 - a)
 - b)
 - c)
- 3) What two things happened to him when the spirit of God came upon him?
 - a)
 - b)
- 4) Did it make a difference when you received the Spirit of God?
- 5) Where did Samuel say he would meet Saul?
- 6) How many days was he going to have to wait there?
- 7) What did Samuel say he show Saul when he came to him?
- 8) "Then it happened when he turned his back to leave Samuel, _____ changed his _____; and _____ those signs came about on that day."
- 9) Who also became a prophet according to verse 10?
- 10) Did this become common knowledge?
- 11) Did Saul tell his uncle about the fact that he was to be king?
- 12) Does it sound like he was still a little unsure?
- 13) Who called the people together?
- 14) Did he start his speech by complimenting them?
- 15) "But you today _____ your God, who delivers you from all your calamities and your distresses; yet you have said, 'No, but set a _____ over us!' Now therefore, present yourselves before the LORD by your _____ and by your _____."
- 16) Which tribe was chosen?
- 17) Which family? Which man?
- 18) Where was Saul at the time?
- 19) Does it sound like Saul was having trouble believing that God could actually want him to do His work?
- 20) Do we have this same problem?
- 21) Do you think his humility was kind of refreshing?
- 22) What were the people impressed with? 1) His humility 2) His looks 3) His baggage handling
- 23) What did the people shout?
- 24) Who went with Saul after this?
- 25) Who despised him because of jealousy?

Chapter 11

- 1) Who besieged Jabesh-Gilead?
- 2) What did they the Ammonites require to make a treaty (covenant) of peace with them?
- 3) Does this sound like the personification of evil?
- 4) Who did the people of Jabesh-Gilead ask for help?
- 5) What was the response of Saul and his men when they first heard about this treaty requirement?
- 6) Was Saul doing royal activities when he heard the news?
- 7) "Then the _____ of God came upon Saul _____ when he heard these words, and he became very _____."
- 8) When the Spirit of God comes upon you, does evil make you angry?
- 9) How did Saul make sure Israelites would join his army?
- 10) What kind of success did they have in the battle?
- 11) How did some in the army almost spoil the great victory?
- 12) Did this great victory and Saul's refusal to take revenge on the doubters unite Israel under him?

I Samuel #7

Chapter 12

- 1) Did Samuel appoint a king for the people like they had asked?
- 2) What did Samuel want to make clear in verses 3?
- 3) Had Samuel been an honest leader?
- 4) Don't you wish we had leaders today who could be trusted like this?
- 5) Do you think most church leaders could honestly say they had been as faithful in their dealings as Samuel had been?
- 6) Samuel gives the people a little history lesson, "concerning all the _____ of the _____ which He did for you and your fathers.
- 7) Who did the Lord send to deliver them from Egypt?
- 8) What did the people do after they, "settled in this place"?
- 9) What book of the Bible covers the things Samuel is talking about in verses 9, 10 and up to Samuel in verse 11? (hint-it comes before Ruth)
- 10) List the four things I left out of the following verses that show you the pattern in the book of judges and what often happens to believers today: "But (#1) _____ their God, so (#2) _____ into the hand of Sisera, captain of the army of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them. "And (#3) _____ and said, 'We have sinned because we have forsaken the LORD and have served the Baals and the Ashtaroth; but now deliver us from the hands of our enemies, and we will serve Thee.' Then (#4) _____ sent Jerubbaal and Bedan and Jephthah and Samuel, and _____ from the hands of your enemies all around, so that you lived in security.
- 11) Did God always deliver them?
- 12) What did they ask for in verse 12?
- 13) Who was already their king?
- 14) What did Samuel say would make the kingdom successful?
- 15) What would make it fail?
- 16) Read verses 16-18. Did they do the right thing by asking for a king?
- 17) Who did the people ask to intercede for them? 1) the new king 2) The last judge (Samuel)
- 18) "Do not fear. You have committed all this evil, yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart." Isn't that a great verse to remember when you are feeling guilty because you have sinned against the Lord and let Him down?
- 19) "You must not _____, for then you would go after _____ which can not _____ or deliver, because they are futile.
- 20) That is so powerful!! Do we turn aside after futile things?
- 21) Why won't the Lord abandon His people, even when they sin?
- 22) What did Samuel say would be a sin against the people?
- 23) Do we sin against people when we don't uphold them in prayer?
- 24) "Only _____ the LORD and _____ Him in truth with all your heart; for _____ what great things He has done for you. But if you still do wickedly, both you and your king shall be _____ away."
- 25) Isn't the passage from verse 20-25, one of the most powerful in all of scripture?

Chapter 13:1-4

- 1) How old was Saul when he became king?
- 2) Did you get the idea that he was much younger with the whole donkey chase?
- 3) How many men did Saul keep with him? How many were with his son, Jonathan?
- 4) Who attacked the Philistines first?
- 5) Who did all of Israel hear had smitten the Philistines?
- 6) Does the son mind glorifying the father? (remember Jesus!)
- 7) Who did Saul seek to rally with this victory?

I Samuel #8

Chapter 13:5-23

- 1) Does verse 5 make it sound like the odds against Israel were overwhelming in this battle?
- 2) What was the reaction of the people?
- 3) How do you think you would have reacted?
- 4) Were the people with Saul confident?
- 5) Why did Saul offer the burnt offering without Samuel?
- 6) When did Samuel arrive?
- 7) Samuel said, "_____ have you _____?" And Saul said, "Because I saw that the people were _____ from me, and that you did not come within the appointed days, and that the _____ were _____ at Michmash, therefore I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not asked the _____ of the LORD.' So I _____ myself and offered the burnt offering."
- 8) Were regular people allowed to offer sacrifices for Israel or was that for the priests to do?
- 9) What did this foolish decision cost Saul?
- 10) What kind of person was the Lord looking for to rule:
 - 1) Someone who was tall
 - 2) Someone who was a great warrior
 - 3) A man after his own heart
- 11) How many soldiers did Saul have with him?
- 12) How many companies of raiders came out of the Philistine camp?
- 13) What do you think these raiders did when they came into the villages of Israel?
 - 1) Set up a local government and provide free health care
 - 2) Murder, rape and pillage (out of control)
 - 3) Negotiate with the local leaders for peace
- 14) Why were there no blacksmiths in Israel?
- 15) Who were the only two people who had a sword or a spear in the day of battle?
- 16) Would you be scared to go into battle under these circumstances?

Chapter 14:1-23

- 1) Who was the first person to take the initiative to do battle?
- 2) According to verse 22 of the last chapter, did Jonathan's armor bearer have a sword?
- 3) Who did Saul replace Samuel with?
- 4) Did Saul or any of the other people know what Jonathan was doing?
- 5) Bozez means, "glistening" and Seneh means, "thorny" Does it sound like it would be easy for Jonathan and his armor bearer to get up to where the enemy was?
- 6) Did Jonathan guarantee a victory to his armor bearer?
- 7) The LORD is not restrained to _____ by many or by few." Isn't that a great verse?
- 8) Did the armor bearer back down?
- 9) Not having a weapon, do you think he displayed **foolishness** or **great courage and loyalty**?
- 10) Read verses 8-10. Did Jonathan leave a retreat option?
- 11) What did the Philistines say to mock them?
- 12) When they said for Jonathan to come up did he look at this like a good sign?
- 13) Read verse 13. Was it an easy approach?
- 14) How did the armor bearing put men to death after Jonathan if he started with no weapon?
- 15) Read verse 14. Is this a huge battle?
- 16) Who intervenes in verse 15?
- 17) Does God honor the efforts we make, even when the odds are against us?
- 18) What did Saul's watchmen see?
- 19) Who were the first to join the battle with Jonathan and his armor bearer?
- 20) Who was next to join the battle?
- 21) Who joined the battle after that?
- 22) Can you influence others when you take a strong stand for the Lord?
- 23) Who delivered Israel? 1) Jonathan 2) Saul 3) the Lord

I Samuel #9

Chapter 14:24-52

- 1) God had given Israel a great victory over the philistines that day. Were they tired?
- 2) Why couldn't they get something to eat?
- 3) "Cursed be the man who eats food before evening, and until ____ have avenged _____ on _____ enemies."
- 4) Sound a little self-centered?
- 5) What did they find in the forest?
- 6) Who was a little busy during the time Saul proclaimed the oath and hadn't heard of it?
- 7) What happened as soon as he tasted the honey? "his eyes _____."
- 8) Why did Jonathan say it was a foolish oath?
- 9) What did the people do in verse 32?
- 10) Lev 19:26 says: "You shall not eat anything with the blood" Were the people sinning?
- 11) Whose fault do you think this was?
- 12) Did Saul allow this?
- 13) "Saul built an _____ to the LORD; it was the first altar that he built to the LORD."
- 14) Does doing something religious make everything else you do OK?
- 15) Saul wanted to continue the attack. What did the Lord reply when they asked Him?
- 16) What did Saul assume was the problem in verse 38?
- 17) Did Saul know what Jonathan had done when he made the statement in verse 39?
- 18) When Jonathan was chosen by the lot did he: 1) deny any guilt 2) blame the people for eating blood 3) accept his guilt and agree that he must pay the price
- 19) Did Saul defend his son?
- 20) In verse 44 Saul makes another oath. Did he have a problem with making vows without thinking about the consequences?
- 21) Did they put Jonathan to death?
- 22) Who was now under the sentence of death for not keeping the vow in verse 44?
- 23) Read verses. 46-48. Was Saul successful as a general in the battles that followed?
- 24) The war against the Philistines was _____ all the days of Saul; and when Saul saw any _____ man or any _____ man, he attached him to his staff.

Chapter 15

- 1) Who did Samuel tell Saul that God wanted to punish?
- 2) Why? (read Deuteronomy 25:17-19)
- 3) Does God forget about sin or does he always punish sin eventually?
- 4) 'Now go and strike Amalek and _____ all that he has, and _____ spare him; but put to _____ both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.'"
- 5) Why were the Kenites given a free pass to leave before the battle?
- 6) Did Saul defeat the Amalekites? Did he kill Agag?
- 7) What else did he not do?
- 8) Was God happy with Saul's partial obedience? Is He happy with our partial obedience?
- 9) What did Samuel do in verse 11 that shows you he really cared about Saul?
- 10) What did Saul do in verse 12 that once again seems self-centered?
- 11) Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of the LORD! I have _____ out the _____ of the LORD."
- 12) What did Samuel ask to illustrate that he had not carried out the command of the Lord?
- 13) Who did Saul blame in verse 15 for the animals being spared?
- 14) Samuel said, "Is it not true, though you were _____ in your own _____, you were made the head of the tribes of Israel? And the LORD anointed you king over Israel,
- 15) Read 16-21. Did Saul agree that he had not obeyed the Lord?
- 16) What does God prefer: 1) disobeying and saying you are sorry 2) obeying
- 17) When Saul finally confessed his sin, did that remove the consequences?
- 18) What was Saul's punishment?
- 19) What happened to Agag?

I Samuel #10

Chapter 16

- 1) Was Samuel happy that Saul had been rejected by the Lord?
- 2) Where was the next king going to come from?
- 3) What reservations did Samuel have about anointing another man as king of Israel?
- 4) Who was to choose the son of Jesse who would be the next king?
- 5) After what Samuel did to Agag, (see verse 15:32 & 33) reading 16:4 seems to indicate that Samuel was universally-- a) Loved b) Feared c) Idolized --- in Israel.
- 6) What did Samuel say when he saw Jesse's oldest son?
- 7) What does the Lord look at when he chooses someone to use?
- 8) Why wasn't the youngest son there?
- 9) Read verse 12. God looks at the heart. Does that mean he can't use someone who is handsome?
- 10) What happened to David on the day he was anointed?
- 11) How do we know that the Spirit of the Lord did not permanently indwell believers at this time?
- 12) What was David afraid of in Psalm 51:11 after he had sinned with Bathsheba?
- 13) Does the Lord use evil spirits as well as angels?
- 14) Read 15-17. What seemed to be the only thing that calmed Saul down these days?
- 15) Who was chosen to play for him?
- 16) "Then one of the young men answered and said, 'Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is a skillful _____, a mighty _____ of _____, a _____, one prudent in speech, and a handsome man; and the _____ is with him.'"
- 17) Did David have a good testimony? Are musicians always weaklings?
- 18) How did Saul feel about David at this time?
- 19) Being an "armor bearer" was like being a body guard. Did Saul consider David to be trustworthy?
- 20) Did David's "music therapy" work?
- 21) Can music be a great calming influence in our lives today?

Chapter 17:1-38

- 1) Read vs 1. Do problems stop coming your way just because you are having personal difficulties?
- 2) "The _____ stood on the _____ on one side while Israel stood on the mountain on the _____, with the _____ them."
- 3) Who was the champion for the philistines?
- 4) A **cubit** is about 18 inches. A **span** is 9 inches. How tall was Goliath?
- 5) Robert Wadlow, who came from Alton, Illinois, was 8'11" tall. Is Goliath some crazy unbelievable mythological creature that sounds like a fairy tale?
- 6) Did goliath just depend on his great size to protect him?
- 7) What was Goliaths challenge?
- 8) "All Israel" was afraid. Was Saul afraid?
- 9) Since Goliath was so tall, who should have been Israel's Champion? (I Sam.9:2)
- 10) How many of David's brothers were in the army with Saul?
- 11) "The Philistine came forward _____ and _____ for _____ days, and took his stand."
- 12) Soldiers were supplied by their families then. Why did David go to the army at this time?
- 13) Why would Jesse send cheese to his son's commander?
- 14) Read the last phrase in verse 20. Why do you think this would be hard to do after 40 days?
- 15) What had Saul promised anyone who would kill Goliath?
- 16) Do you think he ever thought he would have to pay up?
- 17) Read 24-27. How was David's reaction different from everyone else's?
- 18) How did David's brother react?
- 19) Why did Saul say David could not handle Goliath?
- 20) Why did David say he could?
- 21) Which was more amazing: a) David killing a lion in hand to hand combat b) David killing Goliath
- 22) What words did Saul use too wish David success?
- 23) What did he give David to help him?

I Samuel #11

Chapter 17:39-58

- 1) Why couldn't David use Saul's armor?
- 2) What weapons did he have?
- 3) Where was the brook where he got the stones for his sling probably located? (see 17:3)
- 4) Can you imagine these two great armies watching this young man carefully gathering stones in the creek between them?
- 5) Is it easier to fight uphill or downhill? Which direction must David have been going?
- 6) "The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a _____, that you come to me with _____?' And the Philistine _____ David by his gods. The Philistine also said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the _____ of the sky and the _____ of the field.'"
- 7) Does this sound scary?
- 8) Read verses 45-47. Does David sound intimidated?
- 9) What two reasons did David give in verses 46 and 47 that he would kill Goliath?
 - a)
 - b)
- 10) Did David cautiously approach Goliath?
- 11) Does it sound like David was standing still as he slung the stone?
- 12) How did David cut off Goliath's head since he had no sword?
- 13) What was the reaction of the Philistine army?
- 14) Why would Saul ask Abner, who David's next of kin was, as he was going out to fight Goliath?
- 15) What prize did David bring before Saul?
- 16) Can God help you defeat the giants in your life?

Chapter 18

- 1) Was Jonathan jealous of David's victory?
- 2) Read Galatians 5:14. How do we know it is possible to do this?
- 3) What did Jonathan do that showed his love for David?
- 4) What position does it sound like David was promoted to?
- 5) What incident made Saul angry and jealous of David?
- 6) "Saul looked at David with _____ from that day on."
- 7) What happened the next couple of times David played music for Saul?
- 8) Why was Saul afraid of David?
- 9) "David was _____ in all his ways for the _____ was with him."
- 10) Does everyone like you when the Lord is causing you to "prosper"?
- 11) Was David still humble?
- 12) How did Saul try to get rid of David?
- 13) What did David do when Saul required him to kill 100 Philistines?
- 14) Did Saul keep his word?
- 15) Now that David was his son-in-law, did Saul accept David?
- 16) How did David perform when it came time to do battle with the Philistines?

Chapter 19:1-15

- 1) What did Saul tell Jonathan to do?
- 2) Who warned David about Saul's plan?
- 3) "Why then will you _____ against _____ blood, by putting David to death
a cause?"
- 4) What was Saul's answer to Jonathan's arguments?
- 5) Did Saul treat David with kindness from this day forward?
- 6) What 2 things brought about the bad feelings again?
 - a) David became ambitious b) David was outstanding in the next battle c) An evil spirit
- 7) What happened as David played for Saul?
- 8) Who saved him from being caught in his own home?
- 9) As you read this story, what are you shocked to find in David's home?
- 10) How did Saul react when he heard that David was sick in bed?

I Samuel #12

Chapter 19:16-24

- 1) Was Saul happy with his daughter after she helped David escape?
- 2) What excuse did Michal give for helping David?
- 3) What strange thing happened to the soldiers of Saul that came to Ramah to take David?
- 4) How many groups of soldiers did he send?
- 5) Why did people ask the question, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"
- 6) Can God use anyone he wants?

Chapter 20

- 1) When David told Jonathan that Saul had tried to kill him again, did Jonathan believe it?
- 2) This is a statement of the fear David lived in: "truly as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, there is hardly a _____ between me and _____. "
- 3) Did David really have to go through a lot before he eventually became king?
- 4) Is it possible that God will ask us to go through a lot of trials too?
- 5) David had to figure out a way for Jonathan to see how Saul really felt. Do other people often have a hard time seeing things that are very plain to you?
- 6) Did Jonathan promise to warn David if his father wanted to kill him?
- 7) Read 12-17. Does it sound like Jonathan expected David to be the next king?
- 8) The family of a king who was replaced was usually killed off so they could not have a claim on the throne. Does it sound like Jonathan had some concerns for his family?
- 9) Jonathan planned to go out and shoot some arrows to warn David. What would Jonathan say to the servant boy if David could safely return to the king?
- 10) What would he say if he was in danger?
- 11) At first, why did Saul think David was not there?
- 12) Look at verse 27. What makes you think that Saul doesn't like David when you read his question?
- 13) Does Jonathan refer to him as, "the son of Jesse"?
- 14) How did Saul react to the excuse Jonathan gave for David's absence?
- 15) Who did Saul insult when he heard Jonathan's excuse?
- 16) In verse 31, what did Saul say Jonathan was going to lose?
- 17) What was his solution?
- 18) How did he react when Jonathan spoke up to defend David?
- 19) When he tells the boy, "Hurry, be quick, do not stay!", he was really speaking to David. Did David immediately leave?
- 20) Read verses 41 and 42. Isn't it moving when you read how much David and Jonathan cared about each other?
- 21) Why were they so upset? a) David was in danger b) They knew they could no longer be together because David would have to go into hiding c) They knew they had to fight each other

Chapter 21

- 1) Did David tell the truth to the priest Ahimelech?
- 2) Where did the priest get food to give to David?
- 3) Read Luke 6:1-5. What did Jesus say was more important, keeping religious rules or saving lives?
- 4) Did David apparently have some young men with him?
- 5) Who was there that day, and overheard what was going on?
- 6) What did David ask for besides food?
- 7) What special weapon did David get from Ahimelech?
- 8) Gath was a Philistine city. When David sought refuge there, what song did the Philistine leaders quote to the king?
- 9) What did David do when he realized that he was in great danger?
- 10) Did they keep him around?
- 11) We are told in the title of Psalm 34, that David wrote this Psalm during the time he had to feign madness. It has some cool verses! Verse 1 says: "I will bless the LORD at _____ times; His praise shall _____ be in my mouth."
- 12) Verses 6 & 7 say: "This _____ man cried and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD _____ around those who fear Him, and _____ them."

I Samuel #13

Chapter 22

- 1) Were did David go after he acted crazy and left Gath?
- 2) Who rallied around him there?
- 3) Is it important to be there for family members when they need help?
- 4) Proverbs 17:17 says: "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for _____. "
- 5) What other types of people came to David in Adullam?
- 6) Where did he send his parents?
- 7) Do you get the idea that all of the relatives of David were in extreme danger from Saul?
- 8) Why did David go from the cave to the forest?
- 9) Does it sound like the guy who wrote the story of, "Robin Hood", based it on David?
- 10) David was from the tribe of Judah. What argument did he use to the men of his tribe (Benjamin) to motivate them to fight against David?
- 11) Who did Saul blame in verse 8?
- 12) Was it true that Jonathan was against Saul? Do parents sometimes misjudge their kids?
- 13) Who told Saul about David's visit to Ahimelech?
- 14) We have no evidence that David ever told Ahimelech that Saul was after him. Did Doeg make it sound like Ahimelech was conspiring with David?
- 15) Ahimelech gives 4 reasons in verse 14 why he did not hesitate to help David. a)
b)
c)
d)
- 16) What did Saul decide to do?
- 17) What order did Saul's men refuse to obey?
- 18) Who carried out the order?
- 19) Did they just kill the leaders of Nob?
- 20) Who escaped and came to David?
- 21) Who did David say was responsible for the death of Abiathar's family?
- 22) David told Abiathar's father that he was on a secret mission for the king. Do *little white lies* hurt anybody?
- 23) Do you think David carried this with him for the rest of his life?

Chapter 23

- 1) What did David find out was going on in Keilah?
- 2) Did he make the excuse that he had enough problems?
- 3) Were his men anxious to go?
- 4) Did the men of David follow their commander against their better judgment?
- 5) Do you think it honors God when you help others even when you are struggling yourself?
- 6) Why was Saul happy when he heard that David was in the city of Keilah?
- 7) Who did he attribute the luck of finding David trapped to?
- 8) An "ephod" was a very special vest that was used by the priest to predict the future. What did David want to know?
- 9) Don't you think the answer that David got must have been very discouraging?
- 10) When you do nice things for people, should you always expect that they will return the favor?
- 11) How often did Saul seek to find David?
- 12) What did Jonathan do when David was hiding in the wilderness at Horesh?
- 13) "Do not be _____, because the hand of Saul my father shall not find you, and _____ over Israel and I will be _____ to _____; and Saul my father knows that also."
- 14) Isn't that about the most unselfish thing you have ever heard?
- 15) How did the Ziphites treat David?
- 16) Saul says to the Ziphites, "May you be _____ of the _____; for you have had compassion on me.", when they are betraying David. Isn't that about the most disgusting thing you have ever heard?
- 17) Read verses 24-29. Was Saul close to capturing David?
- 18) Who do you think caused the Philistines to rise up to distract Saul?
- 19) What did they call the place? Can God help when we least expect it?

I Samuel #14

Chapter 24

- 1) What did Saul do as soon as he was done fighting the Philistines?
- 2) Does it sound like Saul was completely obsessed?
- 3) What picturesque place, was Saul taking 3000 soldiers to when he stopped at the cave?
- 4) Did Saul know David was in the cave?
- 5) Who did David's men say had given him the opportunity to kill Saul?
- 6) Do people often attribute things to God that are not part of His plan?
- 7) What bothered David?
- 8) Why did David have a strong belief that he should never hurt Saul?
- 9) Was David establishing a wise precedent by never harming "the Lord's anointed" for any reason?
- 10) What did David do next that showed that he had great courage?
- 11) What did David say twice to Saul in verses 12 & 13?
- 12) "After whom has the king of Israel come out? Whom are you pursuing? A _____, a single _____?"
- 13) How did Saul react to this?
- 14) Who did Saul say was righteous in their dispute?
- 15) Who did Saul say would be the next king?
- 16) What did he ask David to promise him?
- 17) Why do you think David did not go home? 1) liked the caves 2) didn't trust Saul 3) on vacation

Chapter 25

- 1) All Israel mourned when _____ died.
- 2) Describe the two people:

Abigail 1)	2)
Nabal 1)	2)
- 3) What did David's men ask Nabal for?
- 4) Why did they feel they had a right to ask for anything?
- 5) Do you think that David stood for anybody stealing sheep after all of his years as a shepherd?
- 6) How did Nabal respond? 1) He insulted David 2) He happily gave them some stuff 3) did nothing
- 7) What was David's reaction?
- 8) Does it sound like things were escalating quickly to a dangerous situation?
- 9) Did the servant that came to Abigail feel that David and his servants had been treated fairly?
- 10) "They were a _____ to us both by _____ and by _____, all the time we were with them tending the sheep."
- 11) Did David and his men deserve to be rewarded?
- 12) Could you reason with Nabal?
- 13) How did Abigail try to diffuse the situation?
- 14) What had David planned to do in response to the insults he had received?
- 15) Nabal means "fool". How did Abigail use this in her plea to David?
- 16) What did Abigail say would cause grief to David after he would become king?
- 17) Rom 12:19 says: "_____ take your own _____, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is _____, I will repay," says the _____."
- 18) Do think God wants us to get revenge on people?
- 19) Do we sometimes lash out in anger and feel sorry for it later?
- 20) Was David thankful that Abigail had come and calmed him down without a fight?
- 21) What was Nabal doing when Abigail returned?
- 22) Was he grateful that she had averted an attack?
- 23) What happened ten days later?
- 24) What kind of message did David send to Abigail?
- 25) How many other wives did David have?
- 26) Should David have taken multiple wives as a future king of Israel? (Deuteronomy 17:14-17)
- 27) Did David always do the right thing?

I Samuel #15

Chapter 26

- 1) How many men did Saul bring with him to hunt David this time?
- 2) Who was commander of Saul's army?
- 3) Where in the camp, was Saul sleeping?
- 4) Who agreed to sneak into Saul's camp with David?
- 5) Did David have some extremely courageous men?
- 6) "Then Abishai said to David, 'Today _____ has delivered your _____ into your hand; now therefore, please let _____ with the spear to the ground with one stroke, and I will not strike him the second time.'"
- 7) Should we always listen to our friend's advice as long as they say it is God's will?
- 8) What did David again say was his reason for not killing Saul?
- 9) What did he think might happen to Saul?
- 10) What did they take from Saul?
- 11) Why didn't anyone wake up?
- 12) Who did David cry out to and what did he accuse him of?
- 13) What was the penalty for sleeping on duty when you were one of the king's body guards?
- 14) Did Saul sound angry?
- 15) What did David compare his exile to in verse 19? a) A time of testing b) Being forced to serve other gods
- 16) What two things did he compare Saul's continued search for him to?
 - a)
 - b)
- 17) Then Saul said, "I have _____. Return, my son David, for I will not harm you again because my life was _____ in your sight this day. Behold, I have played the _____ and have committed a serious error."
- 18) What did David do with Saul's spear? a) Kept it as a souvenir b) Gave it to Abishai for his bravery c) Returned it to the king as a sign of his respect
- 19) "Now behold, as your life was highly _____ in my _____ this day, so may _____ be highly valued in the sight of the _____, and may He deliver me from all distress."
- 20) Did David feel like he could safely return to Saul?
- 21) When you forgive someone for hurting you, should you forget that they still might be dangerous to you in the future?

Chapter 27

- 1) Where did David decide to go after this?
- 2) How many men did David have with him now?
- 3) Achish means, "I will blacken or terrify" and, Maoch means "oppression". Does "Achish (I will terrify) son of Maoch (oppression) sound like a pretty nice guy?"
- 4) Did David want to keep living in the royal city with Achish?
- 5) What city did Achish give to David?
- 6) Did David just live there and farm?
- 7) Did David attack Israel and her friends or did he attack her enemies? (see Exodus 17:14-16)
- 8) Who did Achish think David was attacking?
- 9) Did Achish like the fact that David was attacking Israel (or so he thought)? Why?
- 10) Do you think it was right for David to live a lie like that? Did God protect him before he went to Gath?

Chapter 28:1-6

- 1) When Achish was preparing to join the other Philistines in battle against Israel, who did he plan to take with him?
- 2) When David agreed, what position did Achish give him?
- 3) "When Saul saw the camp of the Philistines, he was _____ and his heart trembled _____. When Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did _____ him, either by dreams or by Urim or by prophets."

I Samuel #16

Chapter 28:7-25

- 1) When Saul couldn't get guidance from the Lord, how did he try to get it?
- 2) Read Leviticus 20:6&27. Were you supposed to go to mediums?
- 3) What were you supposed to do with them?
- 4) Who had gotten rid of all of the mediums earlier in his career, according to vs 3?
- 5) Had Saul changed as a leader for Israel?
- 6) Why didn't the medium recognize Saul?
- 7) Why did the medium hesitate to answer Saul?
- 8) What dead person did Saul want to talk to?
- 9) Why was the woman surprised when Samuel appeared? (were most of her spirits real?)
- 10) Did Samuel really show up?
- 11) "Samuel said to Saul, 'Why have you _____ me by bringing me up?' And Saul answered, 'I am greatly distressed; for the Philistines are waging war against me, and _____ has _____ from me and answers me no more, either through prophets or by dreams; therefore I have called _____, that you may make known to me what I should do.'"
- 12) Did Samuel help Saul and tell him what to do?
- 13) What did Samuel say would happen the next day?
- 14) What did that prophesy mean for David's best friend Jonathan?
- 15) When Samuel says, "you and your sons will be with me", where do you think Samuel was?
- 16) Even though Saul became a very bad leader, could he still be saved from hell? (see Romans 4:5)
- 17) How was Saul affected by what he said?
- 18) Do you think the medium was glad to see Saul and his men leave?

Chapter 29

- 1) How did the Philistines organize their army?
- 2) Then the commanders of the Philistines said, "What are these _____ doing here?"
- 3) Did the other Philistine leaders trust David?
- 4) What did they think David would do in the battle?
- 5) Do you think they were right?
- 6) What little song was burned into everyone's memory?
- 7) Did David want to leave?
- 8) Does God sometimes have plans we don't understand?

Chapter 30:1-8

- 1) Ziklag was home to David and his men. What did they find when they returned from the Philistine camp?
- 2) Read Exodus 17:14-16. How did God feel about the Amalekites?
- 3) How many of David's people were killed when the town was taken?
- 4) "Then David and the people who were with him lifted their voices and _____ until there was no _____ in them to _____. Isn't that sad?"
- 5) Why was David even more distressed?
- 6) Do we sometimes take things out on the wrong people and unfairly look for someone to blame?
- 7) Can your best friends sometime take you down?
- 8) Who strengthened David?
- 9) If no one encourages you, does that give you an excuse to stay disheartened?
- 10) What was contained in the special ephod David called for? (Look at Exodus 28:30&31)
- 11) Most scholars think the Urim (lights) and Thummim (perfections) were lights that may have lit up to answer, "yes" or "no" to questions. Don't you wish you had that ephod today?
- 12) Do we have a great advantage because we have the whole Bible to look to for directions?
- 13) How much of the Bible do you think they had at that time?
- 14) Doesn't it seem like David is asking "yes" or "no" questions?
- 15) Did the Lord tell him to pursue the Amalekites?

I Samuel #17

Chapter 30:9-31

- 1) When David pursued the Amalekites, how many men went with him?
- 2) How many were able to finish the journey?
- 3) What happened to the others?
- 4) How long had the Egyptian they found gone without food and water?
- 5) Who was his master? Why was he left behind?
- 6) Do you think that this man being left behind was just an accident of the Lord?
- 7) Was Ziklag the only town the Amalekites had attacked?
- 8) What deal did David make with this slave?
- 9) What were the Amalekites doing when David caught up to them?
- 10) How long did the battle last?
- 11) Who escaped?
- 12) How many of David's people were killed in the battle?
- 13) What else did they lose?
- 14) If the people recovered everything for themselves, where did "David's spoil" come from? (verse 14)
- 15) Were all of David's men "good men"?
- 16) What did they try to do to the 200 men who were left at the brook?
- 17) Did David agree to this?
- 18) What did David make an ordinance in Israel?
- 19) If that ordinance had been in affect before that time, would some of the soldiers been able to stay behind and protect Ziklag when the others went to war?
- 20) Do you think the Amalekites would have attacked Ziklag if David had left a security detail behind?
- 21) Is it very important to learn from your mistakes?
- 22) Does the wife of a Bible teacher, elder, deacon or Christian business man who stays behind to keep the home, deserve the same reward and respect as the person who is out doing battle?
- 23) Did David keep the spoils for himself or did he share it with others.

Chapter 31

- 1) Meanwhile, who was winning the battle at Mount Gilboa? a) Saul and the Israelites b) The Philistines
- 2) What were the names of the three sons of Saul that were slain there? a)
b)
c)
- 3) What happened to Saul in verse 3?
- 4) What did he ask his armor bearer (bodyguard) to do?
- 5) Why was he afraid to fall into the hands of the Philistines?
- 6) What did he do when his armor bearer refused to kill him?
- 7) Did the armor bearer run away?
- 8) What happened in the battle once Saul and his sons were killed?
- 9) What three things did the Philistines do in verse 9 when they found Saul's body?
a)
b)
c)
- 10) What insult were they paying back by cutting off Saul's head? (I Samuel 17:51)
- 11) They did these things to... "to carry the _____ to the house of their _____ and to the people."
- 12) What did they do with his weapons?
- 13) What did they do with his body?
- 14) "Now when the inhabitants of _____ heard what the Philistines had done to Saul, all the valiant men rose and _____ all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and they came to Jabesh, and burned them there. And they took their bones and buried them under the tamarisk tree at Jabesh, and _____ days."
- 15) This is a tremendous outpouring of love for Saul. Why would the people of Jabesh-Gilead go to such links to honor Saul? (see I Samuel 11:1-7)
- 16) Did you enjoy I Samuel?