

Samuel Bible Study Guide | A King After God's Own Heart

Genesis – 4 C's

- Creation
- Corruption
 - Story of the Bible: God will restore what He started
- God makes a covenant with Abram
- Captivity in Egypt

Exodus – God Delivers

- The Ten Commandments and blueprint for the Tabernacle

Leviticus – How can a Holy God dwell with an unholy people?

- 613 laws

Numbers – Learning to trust God in the wilderness

- The 12 spies (Numbers 13:1-33)

Deuteronomy – Retelling history to the next generation

- History: God's faithfulness in the past
- Covenant stipulations: Instructions for holy living
- Blessing and Cursing: cause and effect of choices

Joshua – A new leader arises

- Joshua leads Israel into the Promised Land

Judges – The people forget God

- Cycle of sin

Ruth – God remains faithful

- Even in times of unfaithfulness, God is always faithful

Judges sets up 1 & 2 Samuel

- Israel needs wise and faithful leaders
 - 1 & 2 Samuel were originally a single scroll; together they tell one continuous story
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1 Samuel – The Story of Samuel

- **Hannah's Prayer & Birth of Samuel**
 - Hannah prays for a child (1 Samuel 1:9-28)
 - Samuel dedicated to the Lord
- **Hannah's Song** (1 Samuel 2:1-10)
 - God exalts the humble and humbles the proud
 - Despite human evil, God is still working
 - Promise of a King to establish God's righteous rule

Samuel grows in the house of the Lord under Eli

- Eli's sons are wicked (1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22-25)
- Samuel grows in favor with God and man (1 Samuel 2:26)

Biblical Humility

1. Dependence on God (John 15:5)
 2. Submission to God's will (Luke 22:42)
 3. Putting others before yourself (Philippians 2:3-4)
 4. Receiving correction (Proverbs 11:2)
 5. Serving without recognition
- "There is no limit to what a man can do or where he can go if he doesn't mind who gets the credit."
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Israel Asks for a King

- 1 Samuel 8:4-8
 - Displeased God by rejecting Him in favor of a human king
 - Desired protection and provision rather than trusting God

Saul Becomes King

- Chosen (1 Samuel 9) and anointed (1 Samuel 10)
- God still working despite human sin
- Saul's pride and disobedience (1 Samuel 13:8-14, 15)
 - Rejected by God for not fully obeying
 - Saul focuses on image with people over image with God
- God commands Saul to destroy Amalekites; incomplete obedience has future consequences (Esther 3:1-6)

David Chosen as King

- 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 - Anointed by Samuel, youngest son of Jesse, shepherd boy
 - God exalts the humble, humbles the proud
- David grows under God's favor despite Saul's jealousy and attempts on his life
- David waits on God's timing

David's Anointings

1. In front of his brothers
2. Over Judah
3. Over all Israel

God's Covenant with David

- 2 Samuel 7:1-13
 - God promises David's offspring will build a house and kingdom that will last forever
 - Solomon will build the Temple, pointing to the ultimate King, Jesus
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Bathsheba & Consequences of Sin

- David's sin with Bathsheba and the resulting consequences (2 Samuel 11)
- Even in evil, God remains at work and will raise a King to restore all things