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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1481 ~ Saul Defeats the Ammonites.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

An Irish orchestra planned to give a series of concerts in a distant country. While trying to cope with a limited budget for the tour, the organizers discovered it was cheaper to hire musicians from the small European country of Bulgaria rather than to use their own Irish players. So this is what they did. How would audiences respond to an Irish orchestra made up of Bulgarian players? The orchestra was Irish in name only.

Such was the case with King Saul of Israel. Saul was chosen by lot in front of all the Israelites to be God's chosen man for king. However, Saul felt unequal to the task and the prophet Samuel assured him to trust in God only. God then gave Saul a new heart and the ability to rule. Samuel then told the people of the duties of a king in relation to God and them and wrote it down in a book for it to be remembered.

Not everyone was pleased, however, with the choice of Saul as king. A few people openly doubted that Saul could save them in battle. They brought no gifts to him, as befitting of a new king but with the mind of Christ, Saul overlooked their insults.

Not long after this, an Ammonite king took his army up the Jordan River and besieged a neighbouring Israelite city just south of the Lake of Galilee. In those times, when a king wanted more land and wealth, the king attacked his weaker neighbouring cities. Thus all cities needed strong defensive walls and were often build on hills so security guards could see any enemy approaching.

The poor people in this besieged city were so outnumbered that they tried to make a treaty with the invaders but the treaty price was too high. So they resolved to call for help from the Israelites in the other tribes and messengers were sent.

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When the trouble with the Ammonites started, King Saul was out in the fields ploughing with his oxen. At that time, he had not yet set up any system of government; he was a king in name only. The news of the plight of the besieged city, however, caused him to act. The Spirit of the Lord came greatly upon him and Saul called all Israel's fighting men to come to him. The people of Israel rejoiced when King Saul led them into great victory over the Ammonite king.

Up until this battle, King Saul had been most humble and modest in his behaviour. Despite the battle victory that resulted, Saul still wouldn't allow the people who had insulted him to be harmed. So the Israelites happily made Saul king before the Lord.

In the Bible book Galatians, Chapter 5, one of the signs of the Holy Spirit living in the lives of Jesus' followers is humility. Nearby in the book of Philippians, Chapter 2, it says: 'The attitude you should have is the one that Christ Jesus had: He always had the nature of God, but he did not think that by force he should try to remain equal with God. Instead of this, of his own free will he gave up all he had, and took the nature of a servant. He became like a human being and appeared in human likeness. He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death – his death on the cross.' We should model our manner of living after Christ's humble example.

There are a number of words in the Bible that show the difference between different types of sins. We use the words “sin” or “sins” to mean all our wrongdoings, our lack of doing what is right and the nature of the hearts we are born with that do not naturally love God.

Whenever we want our own way, assert our rights or want to be praised by other people, we have missed the mark and are proud and self righteous instead. “Missing the mark” sin can be described as failing to keep the following verses in the Bible book of Luke, Chapter 10: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and love your neighbour as you love yourself.’

Another type of sin is “trespass” sin. This sin is where we do those things we should not do. These are covered by the Ten Commandments in the Bible book of Exodus, Chapter 20. When the Ammonites laid siege to the Israelite city, they were trespassing on the land of those who were living there.

In the Bible book of Matthew, Chapter 6, the Lord Jesus taught His disciples the Lord’s Prayer. Then He followed this with the conditions on God’s forgiveness regarding trespass sins. ‘If you forgive others the wrongs they have done to you, your Father in heaven will also forgive you. But, if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive the wrongs you have done.’

A young boy and his older sister went on holidays to their grandparents’ farm. There the boy was given his first slingshot. He practised for hours on end among the trees trying to hit targets he had set himself but he did not seem able to hit any of them. Returning back close to the house, he saw his grandmother’s pet duck. On impulse he raised the slingshot and let a stone fly. It hit the duck and killed it. The boy panicked. He hid the dead bird but realised his sister was watching him. She said nothing.

But when it came time for her turn to help her grandmother with the dishes she said her brother would do them. For the next few days, the boy did both his and his sister's chores because she would remind him in whispers, "Remember the duck." His conscience, however, tormented him and he confessed to his grandmother what he had done.

The grandmother admitted to seeing the whole thing through the window and forgave him. She did wonder though, how long the boy would let his sister make a slave of him over this secret knowledge.

Is this the same for you? Is Satan keeping you as his slave? Confess all your sins to God and ask for Christ's forgiveness. Believe that you are free from any such slavery and know you are already victorious in the Lord to do His perfect and good will for your life. Always find blessings in your freedom in Christ by honouring first your heavenly king in everything.

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That was Ian Ferrin singing "Come Let us reason together."

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