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A1479 ~ Saul Selected King.

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

Have you ever considered what happens when self-importance overtakes a person? Ramses II was the third pharaoh (or king) of Egypt in the 19th dynasty. He ruled from 1290BC for 66 years and constructed many impressive monuments. More statues of him exist than any other Egyptian ruler.

Some three thousand years later in the early 1800s AD, a well known British poet wrote a poem about the ruins of one of those statues. Ramses II had inscribed it with a boastful threat towards the people in following generations after him. He never realized that with the passing of time, rust and decay would bring most manmade objects to nothing. Such pride in himself made Ramses II a laughing stock for centuries. His ego must have known no bounds. And he is reputed to be the Pharaoh that Moses contended with for the release of the Israelite slaves.

In the Bible book Romans, Chapter 12, the Apostle Paul says: “Do not think of yourself more highly than you should. Instead, be modest in your thinking and judge yourself according to the amount of faith that God has given you.”

When the leaders of Israel came to Samuel asking for a king to lead them into battle, they showed how little faith they had in their mighty God. In the history of their nation, God had proven Himself to be faithful to them. When the people obeyed God's instructions, He gave them great victories over their enemies. But when they turned away from God's ways to please themselves, God allowed them to be punished by the surrounding ungodly nations.

God never intended Israel to have any king but Himself. He sent them great leaders who in turn, received their orders directly from Him. But the Israelites wanted a man they could call king. God granted their request. In life we can have God's best or His second best. His directive will or His permissive will. We can give Him the choices in our life or we can insist on having our own way. God's way is always best because He has our best interests at His heart.

In today's drama, we have a glimpse into the life of the future king of Israel.

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The tall good-looking young Saul considered himself to be quite important. Yet he still needed to learn a good work ethic from his father. When Saul's father saw his prized donkeys were missing, he sent Saul to look for them. Saul obeyed his father and persevered in his search. When they were not found, as a last resort, Saul's servant suggested they ask the prophet living in the city close by. God used the circumstances of the lost donkeys to bring Saul to meet Samuel.

Sometimes we feel frustrated because things are not working out the way we would like. But the Lord may be using those very circumstances to achieve His own purposes in our lives and the life of someone else. We have to persist in doing what is right.

A girl came home from school upset with her teacher. She told her father that the teacher had ripped up her page of work and told her to start again. “Was it your best work?” her father asked. The girl looked down and did not reply. She had raced through the work quickly so she could do other things. God always wants us to do our best out of love for Him.

So we can learn the character trait of reliable worker, we must work diligently at every task, whether it is easy or hard. The Bible book Second Thessalonians, Chapter 3, says: “Whoever refuses to work is not allowed to eat.” That may sound tough but lazy people expect others to provide for them.

Samuel told the Israelite people to prove they were returning to Almighty God by getting rid of their idols. No sooner had they done this than the Philistine army advanced on them again. But this time Samuel prayed to the Lord and He again fought for Israel. This brought peace to Israel for the rest of Samuel’s lifetime.

Even as an old man, Samuel rode a yearly circuit around the kingdom cities to the north of the Salt Sea, now known as the Dead Sea. He did this to judge the people. It is very sad that Saul had never heard of the prophet Samuel. Saul was from the small tribe of Benjamin and lived in the region where Samuel ministered. Because his own sons had failed as judges to act justly, Samuel was keen to know if Saul would do the right thing by God’s people.

Justice and truth go together. If truth is absent, justice is easily perverted. We must have the same standard of treatment for everyone, as injustice grieves the heart of God. In Isaiah, Chapter 30, it says: “For the LORD is a God of justice.” The Old Testament book Micah, in Chapter 6, asks: “What does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”

The greatest injustice ever to take place in world history was the illegal trial and cruel crucifixion of the perfect owner of the universe, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. He endured this degrading criminal death because His death had a purpose. His death made perfect amends for the sins of the whole world.

All those who ever believe Jesus took the punishment for sin that they deserved, would know forgiveness for all their sin. Jesus died once for all time to sin. Then He returned to heaven to prepare a place for all those who love Him.

Do you understand that the Lord Jesus did all this for you? He paid the penalty for your wrong thinking and the bad actions you have brought on yourself. No one else can help you get rid of the guilt and shame the record books of heaven tell about you. Only the Lord Jesus Christ can do this. He can save you from your earned punishment of sin. Ask Him today to forgive you and be your very own Saviour. Thank Him for being so loving and kind. Ask His help to change the way you live and seek His instructions for your life in the Bible.

MUSIC - [Integrity Music](#).

That was Bob Ayala singing "Teach me to do your will."

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