

The Life of David (1): Selection of a King

1 Samuel 8-16

I. Israel Demands a King

- A. The request for a king was premature and wrongly motivated (Genesis 49:10; Numbers 24:17; Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 1 Samuel 8:19-20).
- B. Sometimes God's greatest judgment is giving us what we ask for so we will realize that it wasn't what we really wanted (1 Samuel 8:9-22).

II. Saul: The People's Choice

- A. Saul's leadership abilities did not match the expectations created by his appearance (1 Samuel 9:1-2, 13:9, 15:8-9).
- B. Saul's greatest concern was his image (1 Samuel 15:12, 24, 30).

III. David: The Lord's Choice

- A. The person "after God's heart" waits on God's timing (1 Chronicles 11:1-5).
- B. The person "after God's heart" leads with integrity (Psalm 78:70-72).

IV. Conclusion

- A. Character is the most significant qualification for leadership (1 Samuel 16:7; 1 Timothy 3:2-7; Titus 1:6-9).
- B. Integrity is a goal toward which all of us should strive (1 Chronicles 29:17).