

**"The First Missionary Journey Continues"**

**Part 4**

**Acts 13:13-14:28**

**Introduction:** We are currently looking at the message which Paul preached at Antioch in Acts 13. In this message he traced the history of the nation of Israel and in so doing he mentioned two of Israel's kings. They were Saul and David. Last week we took our study time to look at the 4 tragic sins of Saul, 3 of which caused him to lose the throne and kept anyone in his family from ever sitting on the throne in Israel.

**"Saul's 4 Tragic Sins"**

**1. The sin of presumption.**

Saul stepped across the line and offered sacrifices which was the duty of the priest.

**2. The sin of disobedience.**

He did not eliminate the Amalekites nor their livestock.

**3. The sin of murder.**

He had 85 priests from Nob put to death.

**4. The sin with the witch at Endor.**

He encouraged the witch to call up Samuel from the dead.

Now as we move on, Paul's message he points to the next king.

**"King David"**

**Notice Acts 13:21-22**

Here in verse 22, we see that David was a man after God's own heart. I want to take a little time and point out some of the differences between Saul and David and then consider what it means to be a man after God's own heart.

➤ **Differences**

Saul was a king because of the people's choice.

**1 Samuel 8:4-7**

<sup>4</sup> Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,

<sup>5</sup> And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

<sup>6</sup> But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

<sup>7</sup> And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

David became king because of God's choice.

### **1 Samuel 13:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

<sup>14</sup> But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

Saul had an impressive outward appearance and he had a father who was a mighty man of power.

### **1 Samuel 9:1-2**

Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power.

<sup>2</sup> And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.

David was but a young shepherd boy that even his father did not consider a candidate to be a king.

### **1 Samuel 16:3-13**

<sup>3</sup> And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

<sup>4</sup> And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

<sup>5</sup> And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.

<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

<sup>10</sup> Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

<sup>11</sup> And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

<sup>12</sup> And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.

<sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

David had a pleasing appearance, but he did not look like Saul. Saul was quite different in appearance because he looked like a leader and a king. David looked nice, but you wouldn't have looked at him and said, "There's a young man who will be a leader. There is a future king." That is what people said when they looked at Saul. When they looked at David they said, "That's a nice-looking boy."

Saul was quick to pass the blame to others for his sin.

**1 Samuel 15:9,12-15, 19-21**

<sup>9</sup> But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

<sup>12</sup> And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.

<sup>13</sup> And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.

<sup>14</sup> And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

<sup>15</sup> And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

<sup>19</sup> Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD?

<sup>20</sup> And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.

<sup>21</sup> But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.

David confessed his sin when confronted.

## 2 Samuel 12:7-9, 13

<sup>7</sup> And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;

<sup>8</sup> And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

<sup>9</sup> Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

*13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.*

Saul had the Spirit of God temporarily, where as David had the Spirit of God from the day he was anointed until he died.

**1 Samuel 16:13-15**

*13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.*

*14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.*

*15 And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee.*

How did Saul get the evil spirit? Does God send evil spirits into certain people? God does not put evil spirits into certain people. Evil spirits are fallen angels and they are followers of Satan. It is their desire to influence and control people in an attempt to cause confusion and to keep God from receiving glory. None of these evil spirits came upon Saul or anyone else in the Old Testament without the permission of God.

**1 Kings 22:14, 19-23**

*14 And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak.*

*19 And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.*

*20 And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.*

*21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him.*

*22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.*

*23 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.*

**Conclusion:**

There were many differences between Saul and David but the major difference was their hearts. Saul had a heart of rebellion and disobedience. David was a man after God's own heart. But what does this mean? If we look at the words of Jonathan's armor bearer, we can get our answer.

**1 Samuel 14:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> *And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.*

<sup>7</sup> *And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart.*