

INTRODUCTION

- * The book of 1 Samuel is a transitional book. It begins in the time of the Judges and leads us into the reign of David.
- * The three primary characters of this book are: Samuel, Saul and David.
- * As the book of Judges was summarized by two key passages (2:8,10 and 21:25), so the remainder of Israel's history can be prefaced with Israel's statement recorded in 8:19-20 "No, but we will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations"
- * Our character flaws are normally seen most in trying times when we are put under pressure.
- * Last week, we saw that Saul was rejected because of his disobedience to the command of God. This disobedience was ultimately a result of disbelief in God's faithfulness.
- * Saul struggled with self-control a character flaw that is normally revealed by impetuosity and impatience
- * Today, we continue the drama that began with Jonathan's provocation of the Philistines

INSTRUCTION

I. THE FO _____ OF THE PHILISTINES (cf. 13: 16-22)

A. The D _____ Of Their Troops (v. 16-18, 23)

B. The D _____ Of The Israelites (v. 13:19-22)

II. THE FO _____ OF JONATHAN (cf. 14: 1-23)

Four different perspectives ...

A. Jonathan's Perspective (v. 1-14)

B. The Philistines' Perspective (v. 13: 14-15)

C. The Hebrews' Perspective (v. 13: 16-22)

D. The LORD's Perspective (v. 13: 23)

III. THE FO _____ OF SAUL (cf. 14: 24-45)

A. The O _____ (v. 24)

B. The O _____ (v. 25-35)

C. The O _____ (v. 36-45)

INTROSPECTION

- * HOW WOULD PEOPLE DESCRIBE YOUR FAITH? HOW WOULD GOD DESCRIBE IT?
- * ARE YOU PATIENT OR IMPETUOUS?
- * HOW IMPORTANT DO YOU VIEW YOUR VOWS?
- * DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE SPIRITUAL NATURE OF THE WARFARE THAT WE ARE ENGAGED IN?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND ACT?