

INTRODUCTION

- * The transitional nature of the book of 1 Samuel ... From the last judge (Samuel) to the death of the first king ... setting up the kingship of David
- * The relationship between Saul and David has transitioned from one of amity to one of animosity
- * Romans 8:28-29 "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."
- * From the perspective of man, David's life is hanging on by a thread. However, as we began to see last week, God is using this time to exhibit and hone the character of a godly leader. As Paul told Timothy, "... exercise yourself toward godliness. For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having a promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come." (1 Timothy 4:7-8)
- * Last week we saw David accept responsibility. Today, we see him display another trait of a godly leader - He honors God and those whom God has placed in authority.

INSTRUCTION

I. DAVID'S H _____

- A. The C _____ of A _____ (1 Samuel 22)
- B. The F _____ of Z _____ (1 Samuel 23:15-25)
- C. The W _____ of M _____ (1 Samuel 23:25-28)
- D. The S _____ of E _____ (1 Samuel 23:29 - 24:22)

II. DAVID'S H _____

- A. The Counsel of His M _____ (v. 4, 10; cf. 20:15; 23:17; Prov 1:10-18)

- B. The Counsel of His H _____ (v. 4-15)

1. THE I _____ T OF DAVID'S HEART (cf. v. 4, 10,12,13)

The impact of David's heart was what it was because of ...

2. THE C _____ T OF DAVID'S HEART (v. 13)

* cf. 1 Sam 13:14; Gen 6:5; Psalm 37:4-5; 119:1-11; Prov 4:20-23; 14:33; Jer 17:5-10; Matt 15:18-19; 22:36-38; Luke 6:45

The heart, as the seat of the will, is swayed by the input of the mind. What we "digest" intellectually will affect the pursuits that our hearts dictate. The heart of sinful man, will reflect Genesis 6:5 - "every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." However, fed and founded upon the Word of God, our hearts will propel us to speak God's truth and perform God's will! Luke 6: 45 "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."

INTROSPECTION

- * DOES YOUR HEART "TROUBLE" YOU WHEN YOU DO WRONG?
- * WHAT IS YOUR STANDARD FOR DETERMINING WHAT IS "WRONG"?
- * WHAT IS IT THAT IS "PURSUING" YOU? GUILT? ... A PATTERN OF SINFUL BEHAVIOR? ... AN ADDICTION? ... WORRY OR ANXIETY?
- * WHERE DO YOU TURN WHEN YOU ARE "FLEEING" FROM THAT WHICH PURSUES YOU?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND ACT?