

“The Story” Study – 1 and 2 Samuel

Class 6: Chapters 10-11

Chapter 10: Standing Tall, Falling Hard

1. DVD – Session 10
2. Chapter 10 Highlights: This chapter includes Hannah, her son Samuel, and his anointing of Saul who became the first king of Israel.
 - a. Hannah:
 - i. She wanted to have a child, but could not; why (129)? _____
 - ii. If the LORD granted Hannah a son, she promised to give him to serve the LORD all the days of his life. That is a huge promise! What happened? _____
 - iii. Have you ever made a promise to God? Y N Did you keep it? Y N
 - iv. Did Hannah have any other children? Y N
 - b. Samuel:
 - i. The LORD told Samuel that He was about to do something shocking to Eli’s family; why (132)? _____
 - ii. The army of Israel seemed to use the Ark of the Covenant like a good luck charm, instead of trusting in the LORD and being devoted to Him. How are we tempted to do the same? _____
 - iii. How did the LORD show His power through the Ark (134)?

 - iv. Samuel was a godly man; was that also true of his sons (135)? Y N
 - c. Saul:
 - i. By asking for a king, who were the Israelites rejecting (135-136)? _____
 - ii. The LORD setup Saul for success; was he completely faithful? Y N
 - iii. Even when our reason tells us to compromise on God’s Word, how closely does the LORD want us to follow His Word? _____

Chapter 11: From Shepherd to King

1. DVD – Session 11
2. Chapter 11 Highlights: This chapter includes David’s transition from shepherd to king, as well as much of his reign as the second king of Israel.
 - a. David was the youngest of Jesse’s sons, seemingly insignificant, yet “The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart” (145).
 - b. The contents of the heart are very important:
 - i. ^{ESV} **Psalm 66:18** “If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.”
 - ii. ^{NAS} **Luke 6:45** “The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil *man* out of the evil *treasure* brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.”
 - iii. ^{NAS} **2 Chronicles 16:9** “For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.”
 - c. After Samuel anointed David, “the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David” (146). How did David demonstrate his confidence in the LORD? _____
 - d. How tall was Goliath? _____
 - e. David held a high rank in the army and was very successful; who was jealous? _____
 - f. Saul tried many times to kill David; did David also try to kill Saul? Y N
 - g. The LORD allowed Saul and his sons to die in battle to open the way for David to become the next king. Note that he waited on the LORD. Let us do the same!
 - h. David reigned as king for 40 years:
 - i. 7 years over his own tribe of Judah.
 - ii. 33 years over all of Israel.
 - i. What is significant about the tribe of Judah? _____
 - j. Under David, what city became the capital city of Israel? _____
 - k. David’s passion for God gave him the desire to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem.
 - i. What was wrong with his attempt? _____
 - ii. What was the outcome? _____
 - l. David’s son, Solomon would eventually build the first temple in Jerusalem.
 - m. David’s future son, Jesus would eventually build a spiritual house that would stand forever. Paul wrote these words to the Christians in Ephesus: “...you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord” (Eph. 2:19-21 ESV).
3. Assignment: Read chapters 12-13, we will meet on Thursday, April 21 at 7:30.