

Notes for C and T: Samuel, Saul, and David: 1 Samuel 3,8-10,15-21,24,28,31  
2/28/07

Topics:

8: Israelites Demand a King

15: God Regrets making Saul King

16: David anointed as king

16: David is the youngest of the family

17: David kills Goliath

28-31: Saul and sons kill themselves

15: Saul loses favor for just one mistake

20: Jonathon and David's relationship

3- Samuel is the 1<sup>st</sup> prophet in a long time

15- Saul promises to not kill David

Discussion points

3- Why is Samuel generally accepted as a prophet? What has he done to gain authority?

How does Eli know Samuel is a prophet?

8- Why do Israelites want a King? The judges have not done well, isn't Yahweh enough?

Yahweh has not been enough.

Why does God pick Saul? Doesn't he know Saul will be unfit to rule?

Do the Israelites have free will? Saul apparently does not have it.

God regrets his choice, is this a sign of God's imperfection, very problematic.

David does worse things (rape, murder) and remains king. Why does God punish Saul and not David?

People do not follow David until he proves himself in battle, despite the fact that God has anointed him. Saul remains king until his death.

In retrospect was it good to want a king?  
Yes it was because it unified the tribes.

David and Goliath:  
Goliath is tall

The killing is very brutal, he shoots with the stone and then decapitates him

Saul promises to not kill David and then throws a spear at him

Saul is jealous of David's military success

18:29-Saul and David officially become enemies

David marries Michal, why does Saul allow this?

An evil spirit from God appears, evil can come from God?

Jonathon is willing to give up kingship for friendship with David, shows humility for David

Role of fate, is Saul destined to die in battle so David can become king?