

Discipleship University Bible Reading Guide

Middle Old Testament History: 1 Sam. 13-22, Selected Psalms

The next reading guide will be available on May 28

1 Samuel 13-15: King Saul's Presumption, Rebellion, Stubbornness, and Rejection by God

1. In chapter 13 why did Saul offer the burnt offering instead Samuel? _____
2. What was so bad about Saul doing the burnt offering? _____. What did Samuel say would happen because of Saul's action? _____
3. Why were Israel's weapons inferior to the Philistine weapons? _____
4. Why would one conclude that Jonathan and his armorbearer were men of great faith? _____
5. What had Jonathan done for which Saul demanded the death penalty? Who saved him? _____
6. In chapter 15 in what way did Saul disobey God? _____. Who did Saul blame? _____
7. What did Samuel say was more important than sacrifices? _____. What specific sin did Samuel say was as the sin of witchcraft? _____. Does Saul have repentance in vs. 30? _____
8. Why did Samuel cooperate with Saul's request in verses 30-31? _____

***Suggested Reading, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, chapter 60 (pages 616-626)

***Suggested Reading, *PP*, chapter 61 (pages 627-636)

1 Samuel 16-17: The Future King; David as a Teenager

1. What were the implied reasons why Samuel thought God would choose Eliab, Jesse's oldest son, to become the next king of Israel? _____
2. What two roles did David take for King Saul? _____
3. At first Saul told David that David being just a youth couldn't beat Goliath. What changed Saul's mind so that he let David go out to fight the giant? _____
4. What inspiration do you take from David's victory for the challenges in your own life?

***Suggested Reading, *PP*, chapter 62 (pages 637-642)

***Suggested Reading, *PP*, chapter 63 (pages 643-648)

Psalms 8, 19, 29, 148: Psalms Exalting God as Creator and LORD over Nature.

These nature psalms could have been written by David while he was a young shepherd.

1. As David contemplates the vastness of God's creation, what question does he ask? _____
2. What is revealed in Psalm 8 about the nature of man? _____
3. In Psalm 19 what does David say declares the glory of God? _____
4. What is the point about God's law and statutes? _____
5. What's the point of Ps. 19:12? _____
6. What verses in Psalm 29 could David have seen as a shepherd? _____
7. What is described as praising God throughout Psalm 148? _____

Psalm 131: David with a Humble and Quiet Heart

1. How does Psalm 131 help you see a bit into David's mind as he tries to grasp the changes in his life?

Psalms 66, 95, 97, 113-115, 146: Psalms of Praise and Glory to God

1. What past event is referred to in Psalm 66? _____. What does this psalm teach us about prayer? _____
2. What different activities and actions are ways to worship in Ps. 95:1-7? _____
3. What past events are referred to in verses 8-11? _____
4. What is being contrasted in Ps. 97:1-9? _____
5. What did you like about Psalm 113? _____
6. What personification or metaphor most appealed to you in Psalm 114? _____
7. What is the main point about idols in Ps. 115:4-8? _____
8. What truth about the state of the dead is in Psalm 115? _____
9. The main point of Psalm 146 is that God is worthy to be praised because only He can relieve mankind of all problems. What does this Psalm give as the reason not to trust in man? _____

1 Samuel 18-22: Saul's Jealousy and Efforts to Kill David. And Psalms 59, 34, 56-57, 133, 52, 27

1. What reason could be given for why Jonathan loved David and was so loyal to him? _____
2. How many times did Saul directly attempt or plot to end David's life in 1 Samuel 18-19? _____
3. What do you see in Psalm 59 that relates to David's experience in 1 Samuel 19:11-18? _____
4. In 1 Samuel 20 what shows that Saul and Jonathan both knew that David could become the next king? _____
5. Why did Jonathan love David while his father hated him? _____
6. How did Ahimelech the priest help David? _____. Why is it startling that David fled to Gath? _____
7. Why would Psalm 56 fit the time David was in the Philistine city of Gath? _____
8. Why would Psalm 34 fit the time when Achish, king of Gath, sent David away? _____. What verse in Ps. 34 stands out to you? _____. Why? _____
9. How does 1 Samuel 22:1 fit with Psalm 57? _____
10. How does 1 Samuel 22:1 fit with Psalm 133? _____
11. How does Psalm 133 apply to the church today? _____
12. What other types of people joined David in his cave hideout? _____
13. What was Saul trying to do in 1 Samuel 22:7? _____. What accusations was he making against his men in verse 8? _____
14. Who responded to Saul's bribery by reporting about David's visit to the tabernacle at Nob? _____
15. How had David's lies to Ahimelech put the priest at a disadvantage when Saul questioned him? _____
16. When Saul's guard refused to slay the priests, who slew them? _____. How many priests did he kill? _____. Who and what else was killed? _____
(Note: The Amalekites were shown more mercy than was given the priests of God!)
17. What in Psalm 52 seems to describe Doeg? _____
18. What priest escaped and joined David? _____
19. How does Psalm 27 fit into the context of David's life at this time? _____
20. What is your favorite line(s) in Psalm 27? _____

***Suggested Reading, *PP*, chapter 64 (pages 649-659)