

Orwell Bible Church

Daily Devotional

May 15-21, 2017

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Sunday, May 21

Read—

1 Samuel 14

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

☞ Think and meditate on verse 6, especially the last part (cp. Lev 26:8; Josh 23:10; Judg 7).

☞ Who was credited with the victory (v. 23)?

☞ Saul’s request to “roll a great stone” in verse 33 sounds puzzling, but read it with verses 34–35. What was Saul doing? How often had he done this? What does that say about where he was spiritually?

Items for Prayer

- Izaac, Kim, Ashlyn, Brenna, and Carson VanderSchel- Camp—Pray for wisdom in planning for the camps this summer
- Sunday Services- Believers will hear and act on God’s Word
- We would minister to one another for the unity, maturity, protection, and growth of our church (Eph 4:12-16)
- We would exalt the Lord Jesus Christ as we gather in public worship, Acts 2:42–47; 1 Cor 14:24–25; Col. 3:1

DISCIPLING ALL SO THAT ALL ARE DISCIPLING.

CHRIST IS COMING!

Memory Verse for the Week

Live as citizens of heaven

Philippians 3:20

“Our citizenship is in heaven,
from which we also eagerly
wait for the Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ”
(note vv. 17-21)

Learning Christian Truth

**20. If God made man righteous,
what happened to the first man,
Adam?**

Adam sinned against God
by disobeying God’s command.
Gen 2:17; 3:1–19

Pray for These Disciple-Making Opportunities—

- God’s Word for the Home, Apr 30-May 28
- Young People’s Ministry Meeting, Saturday, May 20
- Ladies’ Fellowship, Saturday, May 20
- Spring Fellowship, Sunday, May 28
- Regular Sunday and Wednesday services
- Spread of the Word to English and Amis

Outline of 1 Samuel

1. The Prelude of the Monarchy in Israel, 1 Samuel 1–7
 - 1) Samuel’s childhood and call, 1–3
 - 2) Samuel’s leadership against Philistia, 4–7

2. The Beginning of Israel's Monarchy under Saul, 1 Samuel 8–15
 - 1) Saul's selection to be Israel's first king, 8–12
 - 2) Saul's disqualification to be Israel's king, 13–15
3. The Transition of Israel's Monarchy from Saul to David, 1 Samuel 16–31
 - 1) David's selection to be Israel's king, 16–17
 - 2) David's rise and Saul's decline and efforts to kill David, 18–28:2
 - 3) The end of Saul's reign, 28:2–31

Monday, May 15

Read—

1 Samuel 3

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

- ☞ Note verse 13—who was responsible for the sin of Eli's sons' sins? What was Eli's responsibility?
- ☞ Why couldn't the sins of Eli's sons be atoned for?
- ☞ Note the contrast between Eli's house and Samuel.
- ☞ The expression, “from Dan to Beersheba” covers the land from the northernmost part to the southernmost part. Put that in your own words!

1 Samuel 4

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

- ☞ How did the Israelites view the Ark of the Covenant? What does that say about where their trust truly was?
- ☞ The Israelites' misplaced trust also shows their blindness to the real cause of their defeat.
- ☞ “Ichabod” means “where is the honor” or “no glory,” (v. 21).

Items for Prayer

- Tim, Cristina, Andres, Ruth, and Patricia Goossen- Argentina—Pray for Andres' adjustment to Bible Institute life, decisions for the future, and allergies
- Persecuted Brothers and Sisters in Christ (Heb 13:3)
- God would provide the men we need for our spiritual growth
- We would glorify God as Christ's church, Rom 16:27; Eph 3:21; Phil 4:20; 1 Tim 1:17; 2 Tim 4:18; Heb 13:21; 1 Pet 4:11; 5:11; 2 Pet 3:18; Jude 24–25; Rev 1:6

Saturday, May 20

Read—

1 Samuel 13

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

- ☞ After the great victory over the Amorites and the public reaffirmation of the previous chapter come the events of this chapter. What application can you make from this?
- ☞ Note verse 12—was Saul in control of the situation, or did the situation control Saul? What was the terrible result? Application?
- ☞ What is the mark/evidence of one whose heart belongs to the Lord (vv. 13–14)?

Items for Prayer

- Friends in C.A.—Pray for the healing of T., who has cancer, and pray for her salvation
- God would bless His Word, answer our prayers, and use our lives and public services for the salvation of souls and the increase and strengthening of His church
- OBC men and women would grow in grace, fulfill their roles and responsibilities in their homes, and minister to our church body by word and example
- We would earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints, Phil 1:27; 1 Tim 6:12; Jude 3

Friday, May 19

Read—

1 Samuel 11

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What was Saul’s appeal in verse 7? How did the Lord use it, and what was the effect?
- ☞ Verse 14 was a public reaffirmation that Saul was the king God had chosen. It also served to emphasize who Saul was ultimately responsible to. What Samuel said at this meeting is set forth in the next chapter.

1 Samuel 12

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ In verses 9–10, how did Israel “forget” the Lord?
- ☞ What role did all Israel have in the establishment of the kingdom and the king (v. 14)?
- ☞ What was it that motivated, or moved, God to make Israel His people (v. 22)? How is this true in believers’ lives today? How should that affect and control you?
- ☞ What two things characterized Saul’s life and ministry (v. 23)? Application?

Items for Prayer

- Chris, Heidi, Rachel, Isaac, Susanna, Titus, and Seth Seawright- Cambodia— Pray for wisdom as we seek the Lord’s will for our future plans
- Believers will grow more like Christ and less like the world through the Spirit’s help and personal discipline
- Wisdom and provision for a permanent meeting house
- We would establish churches of like faith and practice at home and abroad, Matt 28:19–20; Acts 14:21–23

Tuesday, May 16

Read—

1 Samuel 5

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Note what the Philistines say in verse 7—what do they mean by the “hand” of the Lord?
- ☞ What does this account say about the true God? Why would anyone continue in idolatry then?

1 Samuel 6

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Note and remember how the unbelieving, idolatrous Philistines handled the Ark of the Covenant.
- ☞ Why did the Lord kill those who looked into the Ark? Why do you think they were looking into the Ark?
- ☞ What does this say about how we should think about and value the things of the Lord?

Items for Prayer

- Daniel, Rosamma, Dany, Merlin, and David Kumar- India—Praise the Lord for the growth of the church at Vadamadhurai, and pray for continued growth (both spiritually and numerically)
- Peniel Bible Camp
- Those who have trusted Christ would be baptized and join the church
- We would evangelize the lost through personal witnessing and public preaching of the gospel, Acts 1:8; 1 Pet 3:15; Jude 22–23

Thursday, May 18

Read—

1 Samuel 9

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

☞ Why were prophets called “seers” (v. 9)?

☞ Note verse 16—what was the people’s prayer? Trace through this chapter how the Lord answered this prayer.

☞ Though the people wanted a king for the wrong reason (they thought a king would save them, rather than the Lord), the Lord still had pity on them (v. 16). Ask the Lord to help you ask things of Him from right motivations and for His glory!

1 Samuel 10

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

☞ How did the Lord equip Saul to lead Israel? Did Saul seek this?

☞ How did Samuel prepare Israel for a king (v. 25)? What does this say about the importance of God’s Word for every aspect of your life? What should you do then?

Items for Prayer

- Nathaniel, Katie, Emmaline, Gracy, and Lauren Pringle- Cincinnati OH—Praise the Lord for the vacation we had!
- Financial Stability
- Prayer and financial support of missionaries
- We would equip believers to do the work of the ministry for the maturity, protection, and growth of the body, Eph 4:11–16; Heb 5:12–14

Wednesday, May 17

Read—

1 Samuel 7

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

☞ Note the actions Samuel directs Israel to take in verse 3. Meditate on these and apply them to your life.

☞ In verse 12, “Ebenezer” means “the stone of help.” Read the hymn, “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” and note verse 2!

☞ How did Samuel lead Israel in their response to the Philistines? Compare this with Proverbs 3:5–6.

1 Samuel 8

➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?

☞ What kind of leader did Israel want? Compare also verse 20; 12:12.

☞ What was God’s evaluation of the people’s request?

☞ God told Samuel to solemnly warn them; how did they respond?

Items for Prayer

- Mark and Bekah Perry- Chile—Praise the Lord for the safety He gave us as we drove back to Ohio last week
- Wednesday Night Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
- Wisdom for church leadership
- We would edify believers through the systematic teaching of the Bible, public worship, ministry of believers, observance of the ordinances, and the administration of biblical discipline, Acts 2:42–47; 9:31; 1 Cor 14:26