

Orwell Bible Church

Daily Devotional

May 22-28, 2017

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Sunday, May 28

Read—

1 Samuel 26

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

☞ This chapter provides the basis for Psalm 54.

☞ What did the Lord do to Saul and his soldiers? This provided a test for David— what *could* he have done? What would that have said about his character? Just because David had God’s Spirit didn’t mean he could do as he pleased. Application?

☞ Note verse 23—David was controlled by a heart that loved God and was informed by the Word.

Items for Prayer

- Tim, Cristina, Andres, Ruth, and Patricia Goossen- Argentina—Pray for the Lord to open doors in churches to share our ministry as we fill in the remaining slots of our calendar.
- Sunday Services- Sinners will be convicted and trust Christ
- 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

Be gentle

Philippians 4:5

“Let your gentleness
be known
to all men.
The Lord is at hand.”

Learning Christian Truth

21. What is sin?

Sin is the failure
to conform to
God’s holy character
and is the transgression
of His holy will.
Rom 3:23; 1 John 3:4

Pray for These Disciple-Making Opportunities—

- Spring Fellowship, Sunday, May 28
- OBF Memorial Day Celebration, May 29
- Young People’s ministry meetings, June 3, 17
- Maranatha Baptist University Heritage Singers, Thursday, June 15
- OBC Anniversary Sunday, June 25
- Regular Sunday and Wednesday services
- Spread of the Word to English and Amish

Outline of 1 Samuel

1. The Prelude of the Monarchy in Israel, 1 Samuel 1–7
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 22

Read—

1 Samuel 15

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

- ☞ What did God command Saul to do? How did he “obey”?
- ☞ Note verse 12—what did Saul do? Note verse 13—what did Saul do? Who did Saul blame in verses 15 and 21?
- ☞ How did Samuel respond to Saul's assertion in verse 21 that the end justifies the means?
- ☞ What can you learn about God in this chapter?

1 Samuel 16

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

- ☞ What is the difference between the Lord's and man's appraisal (v. 7)? How should this affect and control you (cp. 2 Cor 5:16)?
- ☞ Note verses 13–14. The Spirit-given enablement that helped Saul lead Israel was removed and given to David. (This is called the *theocratic anointing*, *theocratic* referring to God's rule of Israel.) It does *not* refer to the new birth/being saved. How does this help you understand David's request in Psalm 51:11?

Items for Prayer

- Dan, Amy, Joshua, Emma, and Genevieve Baker- Australia—Pray for grace to encourage and learn from our co-workers
- 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 27

Read—

1 Samuel 25

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

- ☞ What does “Nabal” mean? How do you know?
- ☞ What did David almost do? How would that have been different from his past actions toward Saul?

Items for Prayer

- Charlie and Bo Frink- New Zealand—Praise the Lord for the many visitors we have had and pray that Mapa and Tony will continue to attend and grow spiritually
- 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 26

Read—

1 Samuel 23

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ How did David make decisions? What was his motivation and concern? Contrast this with Saul.
- ☞ How did David escape Saul’s efforts to kill him? Was it because David was smart and ingenious?

1 Samuel 24

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What was David’s controlling motivation (v. 6)?
- ☞ Who did David rely on for settling matters (v. 12)? How can you apply that to your life?
- ☞ David’s word in verse 15 runs throughout his psalms (see for example Psalms 35:1; 43:1; 119:154).

Items for Prayer

- Jeremy, Caroline, Isobel, and William Dion- Papua New Guinea—Praise the Lord for an increase in support, and pray that we will get full support soon
- 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 23

Read—

1 Samuel 17

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ By defying Israel (v. 10) who was Goliath really fighting against (cp. v. 36)?
- ☞ Who did Goliath depend on? Who did David depend on?
- ☞ Carefully read and meditate on what David says in verses 46–47. David spoke and acted with faith and confidence. Did he have a biblical basis for this?

1 Samuel 18

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Why would Saul be suspicious of David? Why did Saul fear him?
- ☞ What was the cause of David’s prosperity and success?

Items for Prayer

- Tom, Stephanie, Daniela, Nino, & Angelo Boehm- Italy—Praise the Lord that Ilario has a temporary job and pray that it will work out to be full time
- 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

Wednesday, May 24

Read—

1 Samuel 19

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Reference to the “idol” or “image” in verse 13 is curious; it may refer to an actual idol that Michal worshiped or it may have been an image in the shape of a head or bust.
- ☞ Think about the Spirit’s work in Saul’s messengers and Saul himself. Did this mean they were saved/born again? (Remember Balaam and his donkey!)

1 Samuel 20

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ What can you learn about a *covenant* from this passage?
- ☞ What was the basis of Jonathan and David’s covenant (v. 17)?
- ☞ Look at verse 31—what was Saul concerned about? How does that contrast with David’s concern?

Items for Prayer

- Brian, Erin, Isabel, Emmett, Arthur, and Owen Bollon- Taiwan—Pray that we will develop mutually edifying friendships in the Taiwanese Church
- 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

Thursday, May 25

Read—

1 Samuel 21

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ How did David try to protect Ahimelech?
- ☞ Why did David flee to Achish?

1 Samuel 22

- ➔ Briefly, what is the chapter about? Where does it “fit” in the context and purpose of this book?
- ☞ Note verse seven—what was Saul’s orientation? In other words, what did he value and think was important?
- ☞ Contrast Saul’s actions and atrocities with how the theocratic king—the king ruling for God over God’s people—*should* have acted.

Items for Prayer

- Mike and Marie Brunk- South Africa—Pray that our children will follow the Lord’s will
- 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