

due May 20, 2018

**There is no restraint to the LORD
to save by many or by few (14:6)!
I Samuel 13-15**

Theme of I Samuel: the establishment of the monarchy in Israel

Message: God raises up and puts down (kings)

I Samuel Outline (G. Campbell Morgan)

- I. Samuel (1-7)
- II. Saul (8-15)
- III. David (16-31)

The “answers” supplied to the teachers (and visitors and those not filling out their own sheets ahead of time—don’t stay away for that!) are more thorough than yours “should be.” Feel free to go “on and on” as you have time, but you have other Bible studies and memorizing you are doing, and there is only so much time (see Ecc. 3:1-8). **I do hope the teachers (“discussion leaders”) will read the supplied answers after doing their own work**, to help keep us unified (see Eph 4:1). This set of questions might take a little longer, but maybe not.

Monday (May 14)—prayerfully read and enjoy I Samuel 13:1-17 (thinking in terms of God’s accurately recording what happened).

1. What was the size of Saul’s standing army (after two years), who smote the Philistines at this time, and where did Saul assemble the people (13:1-4). _____

2. Who were “in a strait” (in trouble-ESV/GW, *it was* too difficult for them-LEB, being choked-KH), and what did many of the people do (presumably the ones who did not stay trembling with Saul in Gilgal) (13:5-7)? _____

(bonus) The text says the men of Israel were in a strait “for the people were distressed”; if the circumstances

were the same, but the people were completely trusting the LORD, do you suppose that they would have been in distress? _____

3. What foolish thing did Saul do (after waiting seven days “according to the set time that Samuel had appointed”) (13:8-13)? _____
(bonus) Was Saul justified in offering the burnt offering because of Samuel’s timing? _____
4. What penalty did Samuel announce would now come to Saul (13:13-14)? _____
5. How many people now were with Saul and Jonathan, and where had they gone (they had been in Gilgal, vs. 7-8) (13:15-16)? _____
6. Describe the armament (weapons and supplies of war with which a military unit is equipped) of the Israelites (and take with you for the day the thought that God doesn’t need vast arsenals/stocks of weapons) (13:19-22). _____

Tuesday (May 15)—prayerfully read I Samuel 14:1-16, and then answer the questions.

1. Where was Saul at this time, who was with him, and what didn’t they know (14:1-)? _____

2. What did Jonathan say to his young armorbearer that indicates Jonathan knew and trusted the LORD (14:6)? _____

3. Jonathan’s armorbearer was **a good follower** in that he responded to the leader and spoke encouragingly to him (verse 7); what two (or more) things indicate Jonathan was **a good leader** (14:6-10)? _____

2. What is most important to the LORD, and what two things are compared to (considered equal to) witchcraft and idolatry (15:22-23)? _____

- (bonus) What is disobedience to God rejection of?

3. What finally did Saul admit, and what did Samuel refuse to do in spite of Saul's admission (15:24-26; see also verse 30)? _____

4. What seems to be Saul's biggest concern, what did Samuel finally grant him, and what didn't happen again after this (15:30-35)? _____

5. Where did the three men named in these verses go after this (15:32-34)? _____

6. Review (and memorize!) I Samuel 15:22-23 and take it with you for the day!

Sunday (May 20)—pray for today's discussion and fellowship, **determining to talk your fair share** (not too much or too little).

4. How many times during this attack on the Philistines did Jonathan refer to the LORD (10:6-12)? _____
5. About how many Philistines were killed, and what supernatural thing happened (which indicated that the LORD fought along with Jonathan and his armorbearer) (14:13-16)? _____

6. Do you think it was appropriate for Jonathan to do what he did without letting Saul know (explain briefly)? Apply this to your life by giving something appropriate (or inappropriate) for you to do (or not to do) without first checking with the leader. _____

Wednesday (May 16)—prayerfully read I Samuel 14:17-32, and then answer the following.

1. Last we heard, the Ark was in Kirjath-jearim with Abinadab (7:1-2), Saul with his army of 600 was in Gibeah (14:2), the priest Ahiah was in Shiloh (14:3); in 14:18, Saul tells Ahiah to bring the Ark of God "hither"—presumably Saul is telling Ahiah to fetch the Ark to Gibeah to enquire of the LORD as to what to do, or perhaps to bring it as a good luck charm as the Israelites did before (4:3). What happened next (14:19-20)? _____

2. What two groups joined Saul and the 600 men already with him (14:21-22)? _____

3. What saved Israel that day (14:23)? _____
4. Why were the men of Israel distressed that day, even though they were defeating the Philistines (14:24-26)? _____

5. What happened when the Israelites came to a wood where there was honey on the ground (be briefer than my answer, unless you're feeling irresistible inspiration and

have no need to restrain yourself, especially due to time constraints) (14:26-31)? _____

6. Consider God’s charge to us regarding eating (in light of this passage and perhaps some related thoughts)!

Thursday (May 17)—**prayerfully** read I Samuel 14:33-52 and answer the following.

1. What wisdom did Saul show when he first heard of the people’s eating the meat with the blood (14:33-37)?

2. It seems (verses 37-38) that Saul is connecting the LORD’s not answering him with “sin in the camp”; and, that he felt that someone was responsible for leading the people astray; it also seems to me that he suspected Jonathan, because of how he divided the people. Read this section, and give a thought on Jonathan’s answer in verse 43 (14:38-43)?

3. Do you think Saul should have gone ahead and put Jonathan to death (was he showing favoritism) (14:44-45)? _____

4. How many identified heathen nations did Saul fight against (14:46-48)? _____

5. How many children did Saul have, how many wives did he have, and who was the captain of his host (army) (14:49-50)? _____

6. What can you apply to your life from this chapter (and take it with you for the day)? _____

Friday (May 18)—**prayerfully** read I Samuel 15:1-19 and answer the following.

1. What reason did Samuel give Saul for him to hearken to the voice of the words of the LORD (15:1)? _____

2. What assignment did the LORD give Saul, what reason was given for this assignment, and what group was spared (for the opposite reason) (15:2-6)? _____

3. What did Saul not destroy (15:8-9)? _____

4. What difference of “opinion” did Saul have with the LORD (15:11 and 13)? _____

(bonus) We talk about the “five elements of obedience”: immediate, first time, complete, happy, unquestioning. In which of these elements did Saul’s “obedience” fall short? _____

5. What sin in verse 13 accompanied Saul’s disobedience? _____ Who two different parties were held responsible for the disobedience (15:13 and 19)? _____

6. Give something from this section you can apply to your life and take with you for the day (especially from verses 17-19)! _____

Saturday (May 19)—**prayerfully** read I Samuel 15:20-35 and answer the following!

1. Saul continued blaming the Israelites for disobeying the LORD’s command to destroy all (verse 21, along with verse 15), but he then did take a little responsibility—for what (15:20-21)? _____