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I. Saul the first king.

Israel had lived without a king, under the leadership of God. It didn't satisfy the people so they asked for a king. It was not God's perfect will but He relented by having the prophet select a person to lead the nation (I Sam. 8:7-8). Even then it was a matter of the heart (I Sam. 10:9).

II. A man after God's heart. I Samuel 13:14

As time moved on, God chose another king which was David. Even now the choice had to do with the heart.

III. Selected from his family. I Samuel 16:7

The selection had nothing to do with the physical attributes of David. The choice was made because of his sincere heart.

IV. David and Goliath, I Samuel 17:31-51

David's courage came from his experiences with God. He knew that God was able to deliver him from the giant. He went into battle "assuming" that God would help him. God LOVES dependency! David put himself into a position where if God did not help him, he would perish. WHAT GREAT FAITH! God loves dependency of heart. This is surely the way salvation works. If we, with a sincere heart, cast ourselves onto totally dependency of God, He will grant to us salvation.

V. Encounters with Saul. I Samuel 18:1-9

David remained respectful of Saul at all times.

VI. The penman of Psalms.

David was the penman of most of the Psalms. One can examine David's heart throughout the Psalms.

VII. His great sin. II Samuel 11-12

David fell to temptation. What a tragedy in this moral lapse. When confronted by the prophet, David acknowledged his sin. The lesson must be learned by all people. WE are to blame for our own transgressions. Own up to it.

III. David's penitence. Psalm 51

This Psalm is generally thought to be written to ask God's forgiveness for his terrible failure. Can you sense the appeal from the heart of David? It is that kind of sincerity that attracts the attention of God.

IV. God's great forgiveness. Luke 1:32

Do you think that God forgave David based on this text?

REMEMBER:

To approach God successfully, you must have a humble, sincere heart.

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