

Sermon: Saul and David

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1 Sam 16:7(NIV)

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. **People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.**”

Causes for rejection and election of these 2 kings;

1. LEADERSHIP STYLE

I. Saul’s Kingship was Rejected- Men Pleaser! (1 Sam. 15:10-24):

- ²⁸ Samuel said to him, “The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to one of your neighbors – to one better than you.

II. David’s Kingship was Eternal- Man after God’s Heart (2 Sam. 7:12-16):

- ““The LORD declares ..¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”
- Acts 13: 21-22 ..he made David their king. God testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse, **a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.**’

2. IN MIDST OF ADVERSITY/ HARDSHIP

I. David Responded With Courage:

- 1 Sam.17:32- ³² David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”

II. Saul Responded In Fear:

- 1 Sam 17:11-¹¹ On hearing the Philistine’s words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.
- Their reaction to their circumstances made all the difference;

Saul had in-security that produced FEAR / David was so secure in God that produced FAITH !

Conclusion

- Are you in ways like Saul who tries to justifying your sinful/ wrong actions or are you like David choosing to do the right thing by admitting and taking courage to face the consequences/challenges?
- David acknowledge his sin and repented, Saul didn’t really repent.
- What God desire from us is true brokenness and to freely receive His grace !
- God is willing to bring about the change in your life – are you willing to let it go?

Questions:

1. When Saul disobeyed God at the end 1 Samuel 10, Samuel told Saul that the LORD had sought out a man after God's own heart and appointed him as the ruler for His people. What does it mean to be a man or woman after God's own heart based on David's example? (Read Acts 13:21-22.)
2. Contrast Saul's downward path and David's upward path. Where do you see the opposite of Saul in David?
3. What was the fundamental reason for David's choice to spare Saul's life? What does forgiving someone means to you?