



TRANSFORMING LIVES
EXPANDING HIS KINGDOM

CHOSEN BY GOD

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Chosen by the LORD

(1 Sam 10:24; 16:1)

The Pastor Stole Our Spoon.



A pastor had dinner at the home of a couple in his church. After he left, the wife said to the husband, “I think he stole our spoon!” This bothered her for a while. A year later the couple had the pastor for dinner again. Unable to resist, the wife asked, “Did you steal our spoon last year?” The pastor replied, “No I put it inside your Bible.”

- ❖ an aging prophet
- ❖ a clamouring people



Israel asks for a king

A nation in transition

... now appoint a king to lead us such as all the other nations have (1 Sam 8:5)

We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations (1 Sam 8:19, 20)

Israel was in a covenant relationship with God.

‘For the sake of His great name the LORD will not reject His people, because the LORD was pleased to make you His own.’
(1 Sam 12:22)

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The King in Israel

- not autonomous in his authority and power
- to rule under the authority of the LORD and the word of His prophet

People and king will continue to recognise the LORD as their ultimate King



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SAUL - Chosen to be King

He squandered his Anointing

How It Went Wrong (1 Sam 15)

1. A Poor Memory : Forgot!

(1 Sam 15:1,17)

(1 Sam 12:9) - they forgot the LORD

**Although human kingship has been established,
Israel will continue to recognise the LORD as
their true King. *(1 Sam 12:22)***

The Amalekites (*Deut 25:17-19*)

2. Obedience....with a “But”

(1 Sam 15:7-9)

The “buts” in our obedience
expose our disobedience

(1 Sam 15:22-23)

- # **Rebellion** - opposing, resisting God's rule
- # **Arrogance** - having an exaggerated sense of our own importance
- # **Rejection** - dismissing God's rule

3. On a Pedestal (1 Sam 15:12)

4. A Straying Heart (1 Sam 15:11)

*'Prone to wander, LORD, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above.'*

How It Ended



‘You acted foolishly.’ *(1 Sam 13:13a)*

‘The LORD has rejected you as king over Israel.’ *(1 Sam 15:26)*

‘Surely I have acted like a fool and have erred greatly.’ *(1 Sam 26:21)*

DAVID - Chosen to be King

He received God's approval

How It Went Right



(1 Sam 13:13-14; Acts 13:22)

1. The Marks of a man after God's own heart

- a personal relationship, depth, intimacy
- knows God's Word & His ways
- has deep devotion, faith & trust in Him
- jealous for the name & glory of God



**David was the
ignored youngest son
tending the sheep**

2. The Making of a man after God's own heart (1 Sam 17:34-37)

- in the daily routines, in the ordinary tasks of everyday life
- in the dangers and distresses
- forge a deep personal faith and devotion to the LORD
- away from the applause & praise of man

How It Ended

Of Saul *(1 Sam 15:11)*

‘I am grieved that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from Me and has not carried out My instructions.’

Of David *(Acts 13:22)*

‘I have found David son of Jesse a man after My own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’