

A TALE OF TWO KINGS

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The differences between King Saul and King David can teach us a lot about ourselves. Having good intentions and actually performing them require different approaches. Thus, the salvation and overcoming message in the bible, teaches us how to make better spiritual choices, because it shows us how to think, then how to act.

Both Saul and David were anointed by Samuel.

Saul chosen. 1SAM 9:2 And he (Kish) had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people. *He met all the physical and natural requirements.*

God chose Saul because he best represented the type of king the people wanted... tall, good looking and popular... someone they related to in the natural sense.

Saul tries to please the people (serving his own ego) as opposed to the will of God. Mistaking the natural for the spiritual. 1SAM 15:12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a **place** (monument to himself), and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal. **13** And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD. **14** And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? & **1SAM 15:24** And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I **feared** the people, and obeyed their voice. *God was not his first priority, that is why he failed.*

Now it was God's turn to make his first choice.

David chosen. 1SAM 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him (older brother): for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. & **12** And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. *This time, David is chosen because his heart and attitude are right with the Lord.*

Clarity of mind and purpose; are far different than our intentions and reveal themselves very clearly by our performances in the fellowship.

Saul loses the spirit but gains a conscience (sadly it was too late for him). 1SAM 16:14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an **evil spirit** (his conscience) from the LORD troubled him. **15** And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. **16** Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.

& **21** And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer. **22** And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight. **23** And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him. *Saul was not aware that David was anointed and would become the future king. Saul would try to kill David several times (despite God's will... revealing the difference between natural and spiritual motivations.*

The spiritual can bring peace to the natural, but the natural can never bring peace to the spiritual.

David was always trying to please the lord. ACT 13:22 And when he had removed him (Saul), he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will. *Despite his errors, David always obeyed God.*

The difference between David and Saul was that David actually understood the nature of God and served the people accordingly.

David's plea... don't take your spirit from me. PSA 51:11 Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. **12** Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. **13** **Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;** and sinners shall be converted unto thee. *David always had a true heart for the people of God, that is why he remained king. His sins were forgiven and a covenant promise of mercy and restoration was granted unto him and is still with us today. This is how David was forgiven...*

MAT 9:13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

N/T. Saul's name changed by God to Paul. ACT 9:5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. **6** And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? *Saul, means 'desired' and the name Paul, means 'little'. A clear comparison between king Saul who desired fame and recognition and David who was humble (little).*

The natural and spiritual always war with each other. If we humble ourselves (make ourselves little), then the natural desires will be overtaken by the spiritual.

If our heart is where the Lord is, our fellowship will be with the Lord's people who have been placed in our care. Our actions, not our words, reveal our true spiritual heart... no amount of words, replaces actions.

A summary of the two kings in our life. GAL 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. **17** For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are **contrary** the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. *We all have two kings in our life. The principles behind the communion is meant to be a time when we reflect on which king is ruling.*