King Saul's Reign

Unit 7 Study Guide and Notes

Test Date: _____



Key Verses: 1 Samuel 15: 22

"But Samuel replied: Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams."

1 Samuel 16: 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 man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.""

Lesson 1: The Anointing of King Saul

- Israel wanted a ______ so they could be like all the other ______
- _____ was already their King.
- Saul was from the tribe of ______ Israel's ______tribe.
 - His father had no ______or _____
- Saul seemed like an ideal choice for a king:
 - o Humble and ______to Samuel
 - Physically _____like a king.
 - o Did not ______those who criticized him.

Lesson 2: Saul Saves Jabesh Gilead

- Saul saved the town of ______because:

 - Gathered and army to fight the ______
 - Attacked them during the ______.
- Saul did not ______ himself but gave the ______ to God.
- Samuel's Advice to Israel:
 - o _____God with all their hearts.
 - Do not turn to useless ______.
 - Remember the ______things God had done for them.
- Samuel's Warnings to Israel:
 - Persist in doing ______, both the people and the ______would be swept away.

Lesson 3: Saul Disobeys God

- Two things Saul did that made God angry:
 - He offered the _____instead of waiting for_____.
 - He disobeyed God's command to ______ALL of the ______
- Because of this, God ______Saul as king and his family as Israel'
- _____said, "To ______ is better than _____and to heed is better

than the fat of rams."

- This was said to ______ because Saul was making ______ for not following God's commands concerning the Amalekites. He claimed he had save the ______ of the livestock for a sacrifice.
- God needs to be _____ completely and wholeheartedly.

Lesson 4: Jonathan's Obedience

- Saul made an oath to ______ anyone who ate before nightfall.
- Men were unable to ______
- Saul's own son, _____ hadn't heard the oath and he ate.
- Saul's men had to stop him from ______ his own sun.

Lesson 5: Anointing a New King

- David's father was _____.
- David played a ______ to soothe Saul
- God was preparing David to be ______.
 - He became familiar with Israel's_____.
 - Learning to ______ on God in difficult situations.
 - Learning to _____.
- _____ said, "A man looks at the _____ appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

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It was said to ______because Eliab looked like a king, but God was more concerned about ______.

Lesson 6: David and Goliath

- David defeated the giant _____.
- His weapons: _____and _____
- David won this battle because he...
 - o ______ upon and _____God.
 - \circ $\,$ He didn't try to be anything other than the person God had made him.

Lesson 7: Saul's Jealousy

- Similarities between Saul and David
 - Saul was _____ (Young looking)
 - Saul's tribe= Benjamin
 David's tribe= _____
 - God's spirit ______Saul but WITH David
 - Saul DISOBEYED God David _____ God
- Saul made poor choices because he was ______
 - Tried to kill ______by throwing a _____at him
 - Send David into battle and tried to get others to kill him
 - Made David his enemy
 - Refused to give his daughter, _____, to David in marriage as he promised
- _____ helped David escape from Saul
- God continued to bless and _____ David.

Lesson 8: David and Jonathan

- David and Jonathan were great ______.
- Their friendship was godly.
- Jonathan gained a friend who would not ______ his family.
- David gained a friend who watched out for him and ______ his life.
- They both trusted the _____ and _____ each other in their faith.

Lesson 9: David Spares Saul

- David took a corner of Saul's _____and his ______.
- David did ______ kill Saul when he had the chance.
- Saul was God's _____king.
- David was willing to ______ for God's timing.

Lesson 10: David, Nabal, and Abigail

- Nabal refused to give David's men ______
- _____ became David's wife after her husband's death
- Proverbs 15:1- A ______ answer turns away _____, but a harsh word stirs
 up ______
- Nabal's harsh words to David stirred up trouble and made David _______
- Abigail's kind words brought ______

Lesson 11: David in Philistia

- David did not trust Saul's promise to ______ him ______
- David fled to the land of the ______ because he knew Saul's army would not ______ him the Philistine land
- King ______ let David live in the city of ______

Lesson 12: The Witch of Endor

- The witch of Saul found out about his own death in ______
- The witch told him:
 - He would ______ the battle with the Philistines
 - He and his _____ would die
 - The kingdom would be handed over to _____

Lesson 13: David Destroys the Amalekites; Deaths of Jonathan and Saul

- Saul was wounded, so he fell on his own ______ so the ______
 would not torture him.
- The ______ lied to David and said he killed Saul.
 - He thought David would be ______ and would give him a great ______.

Extra: **Ahimelech also helped David while he was on the run.