

These 4-week lessons encompasses 1st Samuel Chapters 8 thru 31**Last Sunday's lesson**

Left off with Saul being rejected by God as the King of Israel. Even though he was still sitting on the throne, God had already chosen the next King. This is what I mean by 'walking dead men'.

When reading the scriptures assigned, you may have read about some of Saul's acts of disobedience. First, kings weren't supposed to offer sacrifices on behalf of the community. Kings could offer sacrifices for themselves, but never for the nation. That was done only by priests. Second, it was Samuel who was to convey the Lord's battle plans and not Saul. The last act that left Saul with no more mercies from God was when he sought the advice of the witch Endor to summon the spirit of prophet Samuel (Samuel had died and Saul felt hopeless) in order to receive advice against the Philistines in battle. This was after prior attempts to consult God through sacred lots and prophets had failed. The old folks say, *'Ya went to far and stayed to long'*

1 Samuel 28:3–25

Now, the time has come for David to be anointed.

The Lord said to Samuel: "Take a young cow with you; and tell the people that you have come to make an offering to the Lord. And call Jesse and his sons to the sacrifice. I will tell you what to do, and you shall anoint the one whom I name to you."

Samuel went over the mountains southward from Ramah to Bethlehem, about ten miles, leading a cow. The rulers of the town were alarmed at his coming, for they feared that he had come to judge the people for some evil-doing. But Samuel said:

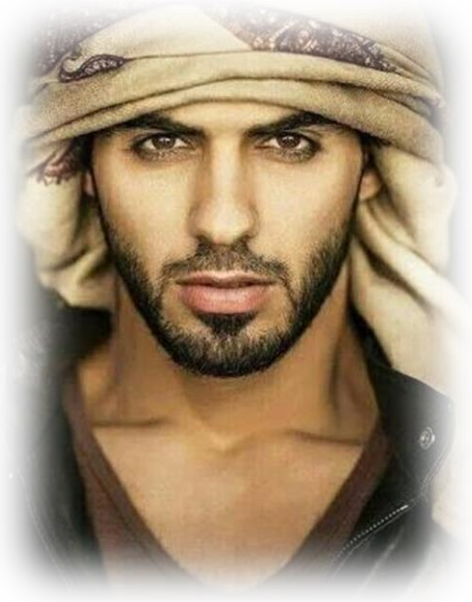
"I have come in peace to make an offering and to hold a feast to the Lord. Prepare yourselves and come to the sacrifice."

And he invited Jesse and his sons to the service. When they came, he looked at the sons of Jesse very closely. The oldest was named Eliab, and he was so tall and noble-looking that Samuel thought:

"Surely this young man must be the one whom God has chosen."

But the Lord said to Samuel:

"Do not look on his face, nor on the height of his body, for I have not chosen him. Man, judges by the outward looks, but God looks at the heart."



Then Jesse's second son, named Abinadab, passed by. And the Lord said: "I have not chosen this one." Seven young men came, and Samuel said:

"None of these is the man whom God has chosen. Are these all your children?"

"There is one more," said Jesse. "The youngest of all. He is a boy, in the field caring for the sheep."

And Samuel said:

"Send for him; for we will not sit down until he comes." So after a time the youngest son was brought in. His name was David, a word that means "darling," and he was a beautiful boy, perhaps fifteen years old, with fresh cheeks and bright eyes.

As soon as the young David came, the Lord said to Samuel:

"Arise, anoint him, for this is the one whom I have chosen."



Then Samuel poured oil on David's head, in the presence of all his brothers. But no one knew at that time the anointing to mean that David was to be the king. Perhaps they thought that David was chosen to be a prophet like Samuel.

From that time the Spirit of God came upon David, and he began to show signs of coming greatness. He went back to his sheep on the hillsides around Bethlehem, but God was with him.

***Project:* Young Adults, Pre-Teens, Teens**

If you were Saul, how would you plead your case, plead your cause, and plead your reason for doing what you did even though it was considered being disobedient in the eyes of God

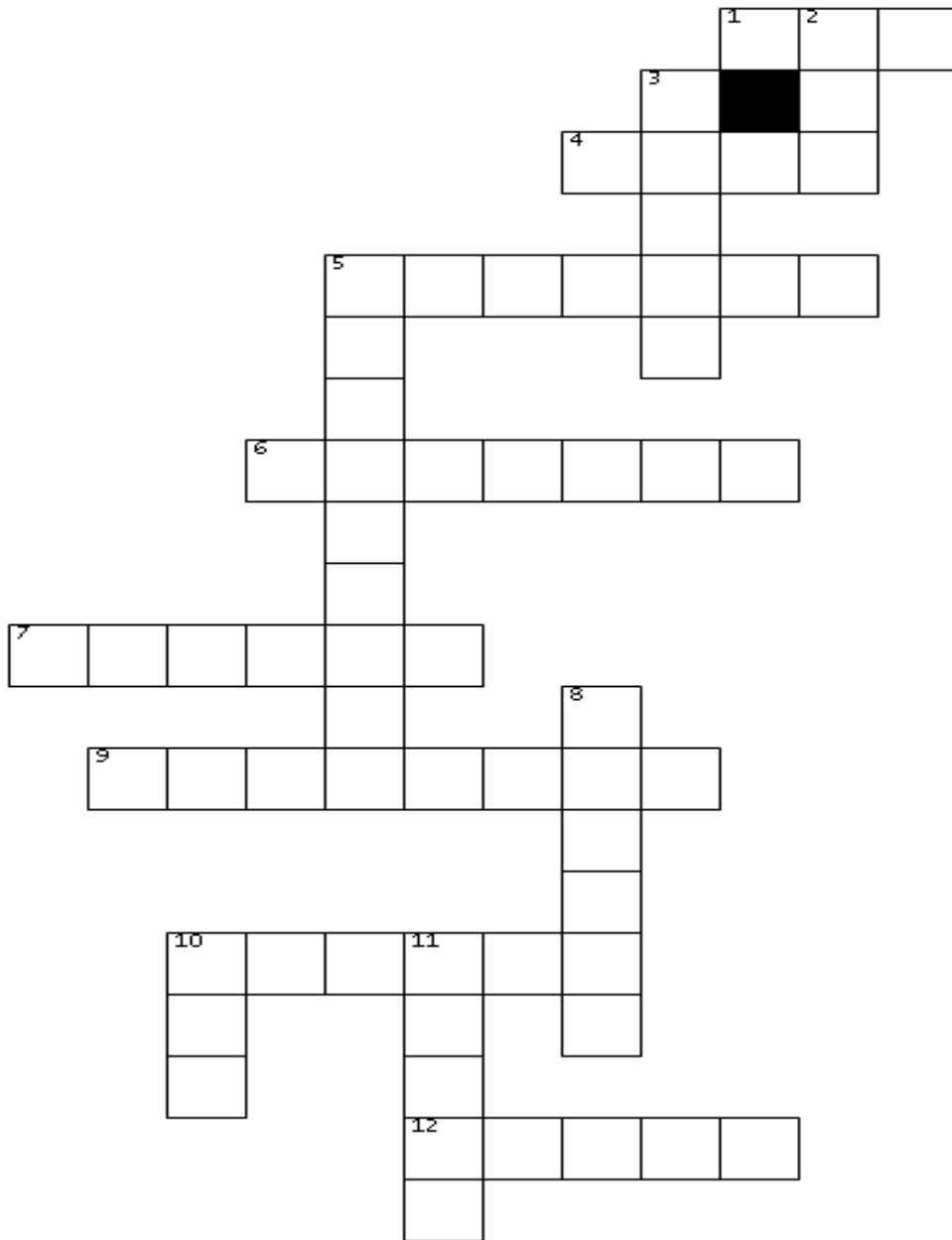
Do you think that Saul developed an ego? Do you think Saul didn't care about God or didn't care about what God said?

***Project:* Children**

Tell us about a time that you were told you had been disobedient. But you felt that you had no other choice but to do it the way you wanted.

Did you plead your case to your parents or teacher? What were the results?

Pre-Teen, Teens, Young Adults



ACROSS

1. All powerful, All knowing, All mighty
4. Above normal height
5. If you are in any branch of the military, you are in an armed _____
6. One who receives God's message and transmits it to others
7. God will pour out his _____ on all flesh
9. Volunteering to give in a church service
10. One who is picked from the bunch
12. Name of Jesse's oldest son

DOWN

2. Liquid used to symbolize God's presence
3. Name of Jesse's youngest son
5. Offering to God the lives of animals
8. Smear or rub with oil. Typically, as part of a religious ceremony
10. Mature female of cattle
11. Number of David's brothers

**Man looks on the
outward appearance,
but the Lord looks on
the heart.**

1 Samuel 16: 7



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