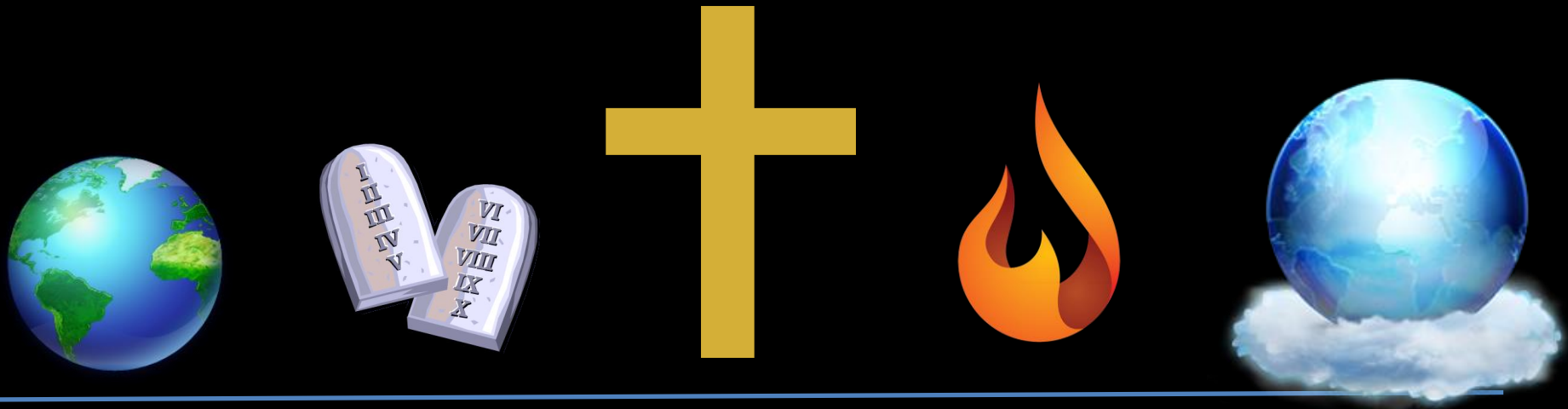

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38 essential passages in understanding
GOD'S STORY, THEIR STORY & YOUR STORY

Preaching series:

The Good, The Bad and Ugly!





God-

“I want my presence to be
with you!”

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is
good. His **love** endures forever.”

Ps. 136:1

The Life of Saul:

Standing TALL-
falling hard!

Hope and Help for the haughty heart!



Saul was a real
historical person...
'Saul-likeness' is a
current, everyday,
real, interior
struggle for all of
us!

*“Saul took **his own** sword
and fell on it.”*

1 Sam. 31:4

“So all the elders came to Samuel and said, ‘You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; **now appoint a king** to lead us, like all the **other nations** have.’” 1 Samuel 8: 4-5

“The Lord said, ‘Listen to all that the people want, for it is not you they have rejected, **but they have rejected me as their king.**’”

1 Samuel 8: 7

Saul:

He is Tall and Timid

“Kish had a son named Saul, as handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel, and he was a head taller than anyone else.”

1 Sam. 9: 2

Saul:

He is Tall and Timid

“Saul son of Kish of the tribe of Benjamin was chosen, but when they went looking for him they couldn’t find him...Then the Lord said, ‘he has hidden himself among the baggage’.”

1 Sam. 10: 23

Saul:

He is Anointed and Powerful

“As Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed Saul’s heart, and the Spirit of God came upon him in power...they asked each other, ‘Is Saul among the prophets?’”

1 Sam. 10: 9-11

Saul:

He is Anointed and Powerful

“Saul gathered the men of Israel which numbered three hundred thousand...he separated them into three divisions...then, they broke into the camp of the Ammonites, and defeated them before the heat of the day. ”

1 Sam. 11: 8;11

Saul:

He is Anointed and Powerful

“Saul said, ‘No one shall be put to death today,
for this day **the LORD** has rescued Israel.’”

1 Sam. 10: 13

Samuel-

“Be sure **to fear the Lord** and serve him with all your heart; **and remember** all the great things he has done for you...if you persist in doing evil, you and your king will be swept away.”

1 Samuel 12: 23-24

Samuel-

“Saul was thirty years old when he became king,
and he reigned over Israel **forty-two years.**”

1 Samuel 13: 1

Saul:

He is too busy to Worship,
and too big to Obey.

“Saul waited seven days, the time set by Samuel, but he did not come, so the men began to scatter... So **Saul began** to offer burnt and fellowship offerings. Just then Samuel arrived and said, ‘**What have you done?**’”

1 Sam. 10: 13

Saul:

He is too busy to Worship,
and too big to Obey.

“I thought, ‘now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal. So **I felt compelled** to offer the burnt offering.’ ‘You have acted foolishly,’ Samuel said... ‘now your kingdom will not endure; **the Lord has sought a man after his own heart.**’”

1 Sam. 13: 12-14

“For Saul, God has become a means to an end, a tool to be used, and God will not be used.”

- E. Peterson

Saul:

He is too busy to Worship,
and too big to Obey.

“Then the Lord said, ‘I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came **out of Egypt.**’”

1 Sam. 15: 2

Saul:

He is too busy to Worship,
and too big to Obey.

“Then the Lord said, ‘I **am grieved** I have made Saul King, because he has turned away from me, and not carried out my instructions.’”

1 Sam. 15: 10

Saul:

He is too busy to Worship,
and too big to Obey.

“Saul has gone to Carmel. There he has set up a monument for himself **in his own honor.**”

1 Sam. 15: 12

Saul:

He is too busy to Worship,
and too big to Obey.

“Saul answered, ‘The Soldiers brought them from the Amelekites. **They spared the best** of the sheep and the cattle to sacrifice to the LORD your God, but we totally destroyed the rest.’”

1 Sam. 15: 15

Saul:

He is too busy to Worship,
and too big to Obey.

“But Samuel replied:

‘Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings as much as obeying the voice of the LORD? **TO OBEY IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE!**’”

1 Sam. 15:55

Signs of a Haughty Heart are:

1. Being too busy to **WORSHIP**.
2. Being too big to **Obey**.



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“God is looking at another King Saul. One just as bad – or worse. God is looking at the KING Saul in you!

Saul is in your blood stream, in the marrow of your bones. He makes up the very flesh and muscle of your heart. He is mixed into your soul. He inhabits the nuclei of your atoms.

Because of sin... King Saul is one with you!
You are King Saul!”

Gene Edwards



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Hope for the Haughty Heart: Brokenness

“You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart you,
God, will not despise.”

Ps. 51: 16-17

Samuel-

“Be sure **to fear the Lord** and serve him with all your heart; **and remember** all the great things he has done for you...”

1 Samuel 12: 23-24

Help for the Haughty Heart: The fear of the Lord

“My son, if you *accept* my words
and *store up* my commands within you,
turning your ear to wisdom
and *applying your heart* to understanding—
indeed, if you *call out for insight*
and *cry aloud for understanding*,
and if you *look for it* as for silver
and *search for it* as for hidden treasure,
then you will understand the fear of the Lord
and find the knowledge of God.” Prov. 2

Help for the Haughty Heart: The Love of God

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

We love him because he first loved us.”

1 John 4: 10;16

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good. His **love** endures forever.”

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