

4th Quarter – Week 3

(The Decline of King Saul – The Rise of David)

<p>Day 1 1 Samuel 15</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God tells Samuel to inform Saul to attack the Amalekites and completely destroy everything. This is related to punishing them for attacking Israel during the Exodus. Saul defeats the Amalekites but spares King Azaz and the best sheep and cattle (15:1-9). • God regrets making Saul king because of the disobedience. Saul lies to Samuel about his actions and blames the soldiers. Samuel delivers God's rebuke of Saul's actions (15:10-24). • Saul finally admits to his sin. Samuel announces God has taken the kingdom from him. Samuel executes King Azaz and never sees Saul again (15:25-35). <p>Jesus Christ: Saul failed to surrender his will. Jesus never failed to surrender to the Father's will setting an example for us.</p>
<p>Day 2 1 Samuel 16</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God tells Samuel to quit grieving over Saul and go to Jesse to anoint one of his sons as king. Sameul expects one of Jesse's oldest sons to be the next king. God explains men look at the outward appearance, while He looks at the heart (16:1-13). • The Spirit of the Lord leaves Saul, and he becomes greatly distressed when a disturbing spirit would come upon him. David would come and play his harp for the distressed king. The music would provide relief and drove the evil spirit from him (16:14-23). <p>Jesus Christ: The shepherd David was a foreshadowing of Jesus Christ as the Great Shepherd.</p>
<p>Day 3 1 Samuel 17</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Philistines and Israel square off for battle. Goliath, standing nine feet tall, taunts the Israelites for 40 days, causing Saul and Israel to cower in fear (17:1-11). • David arrives at the battlefield with food for his brothers. He is troubled by Goliath's blasphemy. He goes before King Saul and volunteers to fight Goliath. Saul agrees and David chooses a staff, five smooth stones and a sling (17:12-40). • David is mocked by Golaith. But the Lord Almighty gives the victory as David slings a stone into his forehead. David then uses Goliath's sword to remove his head. The Philistines flee as they are chased and defeated (17:41-58). <p>Jesus Christ: David stepped forward as a substitute to fight for Israel. Jesus stepped forward as a substitute to fight for his elect.</p>

<p>Day 4 1 Samuel 18</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan and David become covenant friends as Jonathan gives David his robe, armor, sword, bow and belt (18:1-4). • David succeeds militarily and his popularity with the people grows. The results cause King Saul to become extremely jealous. Twice he tries to kill David with his sword and then he demoted him. However, the Lord continued to be with David (18:5-16). • Saul offers his daughter Merab, and then Michal with a catch, David would have to kill 100 Philistines. David raises the requirement to 200 and ends up marrying Michal. Saul grows fearful of David (18:17-29). <p>Jesus Christ: Just as nothing could stop God's purposes for David, nothing can stop God's purposes for the followers of Christ (Matt. 28:20).</p>
<p>Day 5 1 Samuel 19-20</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saul orders Jonathan to kill David. Jonathan warns David to hide and makes a case for David before his father, King Saul. The King agrees and makes an oath not to kill David (19:1-7). • Saul goes into a jealous rage after David wins another war with the Philistines. He throws his spear at him. Saul sends men to look for David. His wife, Michal, helps him escape out a window and uses a dummy in the bed. David flees to Samuel, while Saul sends three groups of men to find him. The Holy Spirit causes the men to prophesy instead and King Saul goes for David himself and the Spirit of the Lord takes away his power to harm David (19:8-24). • Jonathan and David meet to figure out Saul's intent. The signal of an arrow is planned. Jonathan sees Saul's intent and warns David. They part company tearfully as David goes into exile (20:1-42). <p>Jesus Christ: Jonathan gave up his glory for his friend, Jesus did the same for us.</p>
<p>Day 6 Psalms 11; 59</p>	<p>Key Thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Psalm 11, David writes about his well-meaning friends who urge him to flee. David rejects the fear and puts his faith in the Lord. He knows that God will judge the wicked and reward the upright (11:1-7). • In Psalm 59, David writes about being trapped in his home by the wicked, evil men who do not remember God sees their evil acts. David is strengthened by the truth of God's sovereignty making Him David's defense and fortress. David pleads for justice with mercy. He makes a vow to sing praises to God (59:1-17). <p>Jesus Christ: David completely entrusting Himself to God foreshadows Jesus entrusting Himself to the will of God the Father heading to the cross.</p>