

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Rise and Fall of a Proud King

Lesson 91



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Read this story in the Bible:

1 Samuel 13 v 5-14

King Saul was the first king of Israel. At first he was a brave and good king, doing what God said.

But he soon became proud and thought he could do what he liked. Instead of waiting for Samuel to come and make a sacrifice to God, Saul decided to do it himself. Only the priests like Samuel should have done that. Saul thought he knew better than God! We are like that sometimes too.

Later on King Saul did not obey God's instructions properly. God told Samuel that Saul's family could not continue being kings. God would choose a new man to be king after Saul.

Saul became a grumpy, proud, unhappy man. He was so jealous of other people and lost his temper with those around him. What a sad example to us!

We can learn that we need to obey God from the heart. We must ask God to give us a humble heart that seeks to do His will. We need to ask Jesus to give us a new heart that loves God. That is why Jesus came. It cost Him His life on the cross. Thank Him now for being such a kind and loving Saviour.

The Problem with King Saul

Do you like getting your own way? Do you think you are better than other people? Secretly we all answer 'Yes' to both those questions, even if we don't like to say so. God calls this pride. God wants us to realise that His way is best. He wants us to know that we have all missed the standard God sets. We are all sinners, and no one is better than anyone else before Him. We all need Jesus to rescue us from our pride and self-importance. If we continue like that we will end up like Saul, rejected by God. That is so serious! God has provided a Saviour for us Who has died to take away the sins of all who trust in Him. Have you trusted in Jesus?

Let's think about **pride** and how ugly it is.

Here are some Bible verses. Look up each one and fill in the missing word.

1) Proverbs 11 v 2: When pride comes, then comes _ _ _ _ _ ; but with the humble is wisdom.

2) Proverbs 16 v 18: Pride goes before _ _ _ _ _ , and a haughty spirit before a fall.

3) Proverbs 28 v 25: He who is of a proud heart stirs up _ _ _ _ _ , but he who trust in the Lord will be prospered.

Now think about the opposite of pride - being **humble**. God wants us to be humble and obedient to Him.

4) Psalm 18 v 27: For You will _ _ _ _ _ the humble people, but will bring down haughty looks.

5) Psalm 25 v 9: The humble He _ _ _ _ _ in justice, and the humble He _ _ _ _ _ His way.



A verse to memorise:

“To obey is better than sacrifice.”

1 Samuel 15 v 22 (NKJV)