

The Biblical Warrior Series – David

Lesson 1

Hebrews 13:8 c.f. Acts 10: 34 – 35

King Saul

1 Samuel 8: 1 – 9

1. Why did Israel want a King? _____

2. What was leadership like before this request? _____

3. What was God's counsel concerning their request? _____

4. What does that tell you about God's ideal for leadership? _____

5. What is Freedom? Where does it come from? _____

“ Men are qualified for civil liberty in exact proportion to their disposition to put moral chains upon their own appetites. Society cannot exist unless a controlling power upon will and appetite be placed somewhere and the less of it there is within, the more there must be without. It's ordained in the eternal constitution of things that men of intemperate minds cannot be free, their passions form their fetters (chains).”

- Edmund Burke, *A Letter to the National Assembly*, 1791

“Of all the dispositions that lead to political prosperity, Religion and Morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of Patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of Men and Citizens.

- George Washington, *Farewell Address*, September 17th, 1796

4. How does God's ideal in Question 3 compare with the design for leadership in America? Who are the intended leaders of this country and where do they get their mandate to lead? _____

5. Why do you think the Lord selected Saul?

A. 1 Samuel 9: 1 – 16 _____

B. 1 Samuel 9: 18 – 22, 10: 14 – 16, 20 – 27 _____

C. 1 Samuel 11: 1 – 15 _____