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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE LORD MAKETH POOR, AND MAKETH RICH: HE BRINGETH LOW, AND LIFTETH UP.

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SCRIPTURE READING: **1 SAMUEL 2:7-10**

1 Samuel 2:7, The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

1. BACKGROUND

- a. I take the position that this book was written by Samuel himself up to the 25th chapter which records his death.
- b. Apparently, Nathan and Gad completed the writings in this book. We learn this from **1 Samuel 10:25, Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the Lord. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.** And **1 Chronicles 29:29, Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer,**
- c. It is believed that this book was possible written in 1050 to 931 BC.
- d. It seems that it did not appear in its final form until some years later, possibly 930 to 722 BC.
- e. It spans a period of about 94 years; from the birth of Samuel to the death of King Saul.
- f. The book bears the name Samuel because he is one of the principal figures and he had the privilege of anointing King Saul and King David; the chief characters in the latter portion of this book.
- g. A close examination would indicate that **1 Samuel** is a continuation of the **Book of Judges**.
- h. It was written during a very turbulent time, when Eli was judge-priest and Israel was being oppressed heavily by the Philistines.
- i. The three main characters of this book are Samuel, King Saul and King David.
- j. It was written primarily to the Israelites, of course as all Scripture, it does have some application to the church. However, keep in mind we are reading the Jew mail.
- k. The **Book of Samuel** contains many familiar features.
 1. The rise of the Kingdom of Israel.
 2. The story of Hannah and her little boy, Samuel.
 3. The story of David and Goliath.
 4. The unusual friendship between David and Jonathan.
 5. The account of King Saul's visit to the witch of Endor in

1 Samuel 28:7, Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.

6. David's great sin with Bathsheba and the rebellion of his son, Absalom.
- l. In the **Book of Judges**, we find God uses so called ordinary people who have serious faults and defects to carry out His will and purpose.
 1. Their story is very encouraging for people today who consider themselves ordinary.
 2. **When we consider ourselves ordinary people, we absolutely can become great giants for God.**
- m. In **1 and 2 Samuel** we meet some outstanding people.
 1. Hannah
 2. Eli
 3. Samuel
 4. Saul
 5. Jonathan
 6. David
- n. There are 3 subjects that may be considered major themes of **1 and 2 Samuel**.
 1. **Prayer**
 - a. **1 Samuel** opens with prayer and **2 Samuel** closes prayer.
 - b. There is a great deal of prayer that runs through the entire book.
 2. **The rise of the Kingdom.**
 - a. The change of government from theocracy to a kingdom.
 - b. God's covenant with David given in **2 Samuel 7**.
 3. **The rise of the office of prophets.**
 - a. When Israel was a theocracy, God moved through the priesthood.
 - b. We know the priesthood failed and a king was anointed.
 - c. God set the priest aside and raised up the prophets as His messengers.
 - d. We will find that for the Nation Israel this resulted in deterioration rather than improvement.
- o. **1 and 2 Samuel** record the origin of the kingdom which continues to be an important subject in both the Old and New Testament.
- p. As John the Baptist steps out on the pages of history, His message was **Matthew 3:2, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**
- q. **The kingdom that is spoken about in the Old Testament is the Kingdom where the Lord Jesus Christ will eventually sit on the Throne of David and rule and reign for a thousand years.**
- r. This book records the coming Millennium Kingdom and is foreshadowed in several respect of the setting up of the kingdom of Israel.
 1. A king to exercise power in righteousness is none other than Jesus Christ.
 2. A king, who will rule in full dependence upon God, is also Jesus Christ.
 3. A king who will rule in full obedience to God is Jesus Christ.
- s. **Our Lord Jesus Christ is the coming King: King of kings and Lord of lords. 1 Timothy 6:15, Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Revelation 14:14, These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.**

- t. The Israelites wanted a king something like the heathen nations around them. **1 Samuel 8:19-22**, Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; 20, That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles. 21, And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the Lord. 22, And the Lord said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.
- u. God selected David to replace Saul as king, but David had to flee to the wilderness to escape from Saul's rage of jealousy.
1 Samuel 18:7-11, And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands. 8, And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom? 9, And Saul eyed David from that day and forward. 10, And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a javelin in Saul's hand. 11, And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice.
- v. A key word in these books is Jealousy in the heart.
- w. This book is full of jealousy; Israel asked for a king and Saul was the people's choice. David was God's choice.
- x. Thus, God looks at the heart and His selections are not always what would be expected from mankind. **1 Samuel 16:7**, But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.
- y. This should be a wake-up call for Chesswood Baptist Church; we must depend on God as placements are made for various jobs and responsibilities.
- z. Some key themes in the Book of **1 Samuel** are:
1. God is bigger than any problem that we could ever have.
 2. With God's help our emotions can be kept under control.
 3. Even God's children can fail and fall into sin.
 4. Any life full of sin and defeat can have victory and accomplishment if repentance and obedience are begun.
 5. Sin in our lives may encourage God to take away our blessings and give them to others. Luke 12:48, But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.
 6. Our ultimate leadership should be from God and not man.
 7. Obedience is much more important to God than sacrifice.
 8. We, like David, should be men after God's own heart.
1 Samuel 13:14, But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the Lord hath commanded him to be

captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the Lord commanded thee.

2. INTRODUCTION

Refer to the Morning message April 25, 2021

3. FOUR POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

e. The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.

1. **1 Samuel 2:7, The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up.**
2. This verse brings up a question that many people might be pondering; why are some people rich and some poor?
3. God permits people to get wealth. **Deuteronomy 8:18, But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.**
4. Sometimes it is not in accordance with how we think it needs to be.
5. We think we should make distribution among all people, but God is in the business of doing all this.
6. He tells us not to be concerned about that. We need to keep our eyes on our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Psalms 37:7-8, Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. 8, Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.**
7. We must learn how to control our own business and stay out of things that are supernatural and things we cannot control. **1 Thessalonians 4:11, And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;**

f. ...for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them.

1. **1 Samuel 2:8, He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them.**
2. Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is the one who controls the universe. **Genesis 1:1, In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Isaiah 43:7, Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.**
3. In controlling the universe, things will move according to His time schedule and time frame.
4. We, as Christians, must learn how to wait upon the Lord.
5. The Bible says those that wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. **Isaiah 40:31, But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.**
6. The Bible also says to be anxious for nothing. **Philippians 4:6, Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**
7. **Hannah certainly teaches us the lesson of how to wait upon God. She laid her petition before Him, she waited upon God and He blessed her immensely.**

8. This should be a wake-up call for us at Chesswood Baptist Church; let us lay our petitions before the God of the universe because He has promised that He will take care of our need. **Philippians 4:19, But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**
- g. He will keep the feet of His saints,...**
1. **1 Samuel 2:9, He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.**
 2. Man, in his own efforts, power and strength can accomplish little in God's universe.
 3. The man or woman who is sold out to God, there is no telling what can be accomplished through them.
 4. Christians today need to realize that we need to be weak. The Bible says when we realize we are weak then He makes us strong. **2 Corinthians 12:10, Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.**
 5. It is only what you and I do through the power of the Holy Spirit that will count for God.
 6. We need to learn to be totally obedient and dependent upon Him. **1 Samuel 15:22, And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.**
- h. The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces;...**
1. **1 Samuel 2:10, The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the Lord shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.**
 2. This speaks of Jesus Christ. This is the first time in the Bible that the Messiah is mentioned by name.
 3. He is referred to as the Anointed which is Christ Jesus.
 4. He gives us from birth unto death to settle the issue as to where we will spend eternity. **Ecclesiastes 12:13, Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.**
 5. There is no question that we will spend eternity with the Lord Jesus or with the devil and his angels.
 6. The Bible is clear as to how we are saved.
 7. **1 Corinthians 15:1-4, Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2, By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3, For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4, And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:**
 8. Hannah knew the same God that you and I know today. **Hebrews 11:13, These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.**

9. Israel will possess the land just as the bride of Christ will possess New Jerusalem one of these days.

4. CONCLUSION

- a. Would you come to the side of the living Saviour and be saved?
- b. The Bible says in **Matthew 11:28-29**, **Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29, Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.**
- c. It is only through the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that we can be saved.
- d. The Preserved Word of God says in **Hebrews 9:22**, **And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.**
- e. **Romans 3:23**, **For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**
- f. **Romans 3:10**, **As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:**
- g. **Romans 10:9-10**, **That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10, For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**
- h. Please stand as you come to the side of the living Saviour if you have that need.

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