

MZRF BIBLE STUDY

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Silent Seed of Rebellion

Case Study: King Saul, son of Kish

But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. (Matt 21:28-31).

Synopsis:

What happened to King Saul? King Saul, son of Kish. A Benjaminite. Chosen and crowned the first king of Israel by God himself. What an honor grace and favor. The life of King Saul could be summed up in a modern cliché: *It's not how you start; It's how you finish.* Saul started out very well only to see his subsequent disobedient actions derail what could have been a stellar, God-honoring rule over the nation of Israel. How could someone so close to God at the start spiral out of control and out of favor with God? To understand how things in Saul's life got so mixed up, we need to know something about the man himself. Who was King Saul, and what should learn from his life?" (Gotquestions.org)

1. Background & Physical Attributes

- a. Son of Kish. A Benjaminite and First king in Israel
- b. Tall and Physically impressive
- c. Chosen a king by God because Israel demanded one
- d. Some mocked and rejected him

2. King Saul's Beginning

- a. God sets him up divinely
- b. He is secretly anointed by Samuel
- c. Saul is introduced officially to Israel

3. King Saul's Conquests and Exploits

- a. He rescued Jabesh-gilead
- b. Refused to revenge
- c. Successful campaigns against the 'ites'
- d. Half-hearted forgiveness

4. The Beginning of the End of King Saul

- a. Unauthorized sacrifice at Gilgal
- b. Ill-advised vow
- c. Open rebellion against God concerning the Amalekites
- d. Counterfeit repentance

5. King Saul's spiritual character and emotional temperament

- a. Forgiving and a Humble beginning
- b. Over-shadowed by the Holy-Changed Man-Prophesied
- c. The Spirit of the Lord departed and was possessed by evil spirit
- d. Resented, envied and feared and persecuted young David
- e. Became blood thirsty and murderous
- f. Un-regenerated Heart – rebellious, stubborn, pride

6. “How are the Mighty Fallen”

- a. Rejected and dethroned as a king by God
- b. David anointed king
- c. Challenged by his son and followers
- d. Spared twice by young David
- e. Died with his three sons in the battle

7. Conclusion and Lessons from reign of King Saul

- a. Kill the silent seed of rebellion in you
- b. Open discussion