

The Bible Jesus Used

A Gospel-Centered Glance at the Old Testament

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- ❖ **Saul's problem: failure to honor God**
 - ❖ 1 Sam. 15:22–23. And Samuel said, “Has Yahweh as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of Yahweh? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of Yahweh, he has also rejected you from being king.”

❖ **David's difference: heart orientation**

- ❖ **1 Sam. 15:28. And Samuel said to Saul, “Yahweh has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you.”**
- ❖ **1 Sam. 16:6–7. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely Yahweh’s anointed is before him.”⁷ But Yahweh said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For Yahweh sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but Yahweh looks on the heart.”**

❖ **The rise of David and demise of Saul**

- ❖ **Boldness vs. fear of man: 1 Sam 17:11, 26. When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. . . . ²⁶ And David said to the men who stood by him, “. . . Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?”**
- ❖ **Military success vs. failure: 1 Sam 18:7. Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands. (See 1 Sam 14:52 vs. 2 Sam 8:1, 14–15.)**

- ❖ **Divine presence vs. divine absence: 1 Sam. 16:13–14. And the Spirit of Yahweh rushed upon David from that day forward. . . . ¹⁴ Now the Spirit of Yahweh departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from Yahweh tormented him (cf. 18:12).**
- ❖ **Frequent oracles vs. no word from God. 1 Sam 23:2. David inquired of Yahweh . . . and Yahweh said to David, “Attack.” 1 Sam 28:6. And when Saul inquired of Yahweh, Yahweh did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets.**
- ❖ **Strength vs. Weakness. 2 Sam 3:1. There was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. And David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul became weaker and weaker.**

❖ Foundational Principal:

- ❖ 1 Sam 2:30. Those who honor me I will honor, and those who despise me shall be lightly esteemed.
- ❖ 2 Sam 22:2–3, 26. Yahweh is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence....³ Great salvation he brings to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his offspring forever....²⁶ With the faithful you show yourself faithful; with the blameless man you show yourself blameless; with the purified you deal purely, and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous.