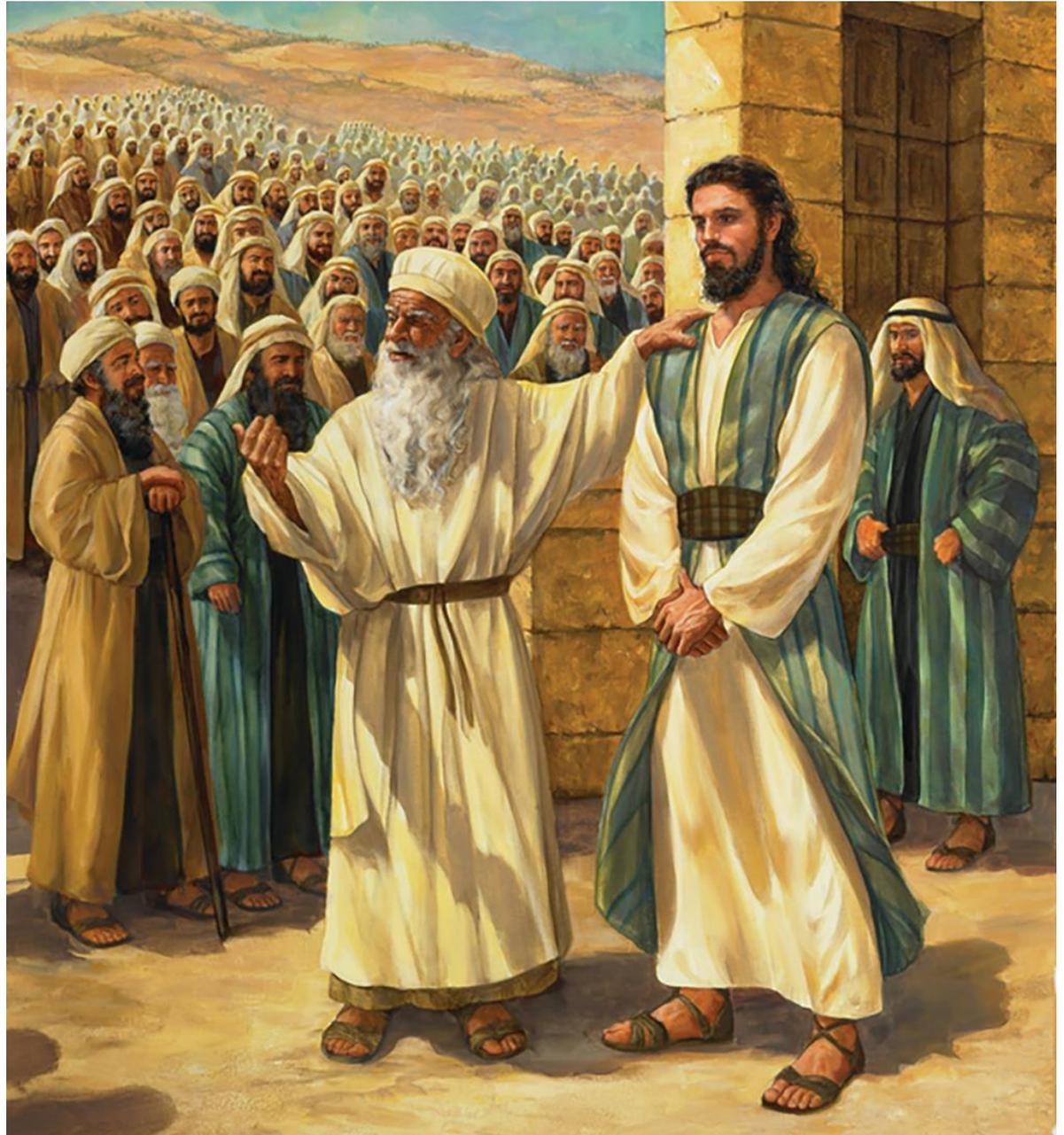


Made King

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Previous lesson

- Saul was anointed king of Israel.
- Christ spoken of as being anointed.
“Anointed King with glory crowned.” (134 LF)
- **Luke 4:18-21 (NIV)**
“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.
- **Revelation 19:16 (NKJV)**
And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.
- Some would not accept him as king.
1 Samuel 10:27 (NKJV) But some rebels said, “How can this man save us?” So they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace.

Looking forward

- **2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)**

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

- **John 5:40 (NKJV)**

⁴⁰ But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

- **Jude 1:5 (NKJV)**

⁵ But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

- **1 Samuel 11:1-3 (NKJV)**

¹ Then Nahash the Ammonite came up and encamped against Jabesh Gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Make a covenant with us, and we will serve you."

² And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, "On this *condition* I will make *a covenant* with you, that I may put out all your right eyes, and bring reproach on all Israel."

³ Then the elders of Jabesh said to him, "Hold off for seven days, that we may send messengers to all the territory of Israel. And then, if *there is* no one to save us, we will come out to you."

comments

- **Jabesh Gilead** was a city on the east side of the Jordan River in the **territory** belonging to Gad. When the Ammonites, the neighbors to the southeast, besieged the city, the inhabitants asked for terms of surrender. But **Nahash** wanted to maim them and make them a **reproach** in **Israel** by gouging out their **right eyes** (both humiliating them and rendering them unable to fight effectively).
Surprisingly, the Ammonites allowed **the elders of Jabesh** to **send** for help. Perhaps **Nahash** was not fully prepared, or was not afraid that the rest of Israel would help Jabesh. **Messengers** were sent **to Gibeah**, where **Saul** was still working in **the field**. It was high time to assert himself as Israel's new king!
Believer's Bible Commentary

- This was the first of three challenges that Saul faced. The first is the attack of the enemy. Nahash encamps against Jabesh-Gilead and plans to destroy the people. The name Nahash means "*serpent or snake.*" The name Jabesh-Gilead means "*dried or dry up.*" They went to their enemy and offered to make a covenant in order to survive. They wanted to take seven days to decide if they wanted to meet the conditions of Nahash for this covenant. The dried up Christian is without spiritual power and lives a life of compromise. He ends up serving the wrong master.
- How many folks have ruined their lives when they got backslidden and away from the Lord?
Treasures From the Scriptures

- **1 Samuel 11:4-6 (NKJV)**

⁴ So the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and told the news in the hearing of the people. And all the people lifted up their voices and wept.

⁵ Now there was Saul, coming behind the herd from the field; and Saul said, "What *troubles* the people, that they weep?" And they told him the words of the men of Jabesh.

⁶ Then the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard this news, and his anger was greatly aroused.

Jabesh-Gilead

- The messengers told the message in the ears of the people. Jabesh-Gilead was 25 miles south of the Sea of Galilee... east of the Jordan River. Saul may have had ancestral ties to this city. In [Judges chapter 19-21](#), a civil war broke out with the Benjamites and the other tribes. All but six hundred Benjamites were killed. If these men did not have wives or children it could mean the possible extinction of this tribe. To prevent extinction, the virgins of any town which did not fight Benjamin would be seized and given to the Benjamite survivors as wives. Four hundred women of Jabesh-Gilead were given to the Benjamites. Saul's family ancestry was possibly from Jabesh-Gilead.

comments

- Where was Saul? - Saul went back to his father's farm in Gibeah and said nothing about his kingship.
- What was Saul doing? - Saul was coming behind the herd from the field and asked, "What *troubles* the people, that they weep?"
- How did Saul respond? Then the Spirit of God came upon Saul and his anger was greatly aroused.

- **1 Samuel 11:7-9 (NKJV)**

⁷ So he took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces, and sent *them* throughout all the territory of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, "Whoever does not go out with Saul and Samuel to battle, so it shall be done to his oxen." And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

⁸ When he numbered them in Bezek, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

⁹ And they said to the messengers who came, "Thus you shall say to the men of Jabesh Gilead: 'Tomorrow, by *the time* the sun is hot, you shall have help.' " Then the messengers came and reported *it* to the men of Jabesh, and they were glad.

comments

- This crisis revealed good traits in Saul who had a desire for freedom and justice. **A crisis does not make a person, rather it shows what a person is made of and what their character is like.** Saul wanted to restore Jabesh-Gilead. Godly people need to try and restore dried up Christians.
- [Galatians 6:1](#)—*Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.* Treasures From the Scriptures

- Saul cuts up two oxen and sent the mutilated pieces throughout the land of Israel (compare [Judges 19:27-30](#)). His message is "If you don't help, you lose your oxen." Needless to say they were highly motivated.
- Saul openly joins himself with Samuel and rounds up 330,000 men. You cannot win some battles alone. You need others standing with you.

Treasures From the Scriptures

- With the vividly threatening object lesson of a chopped up yoke of oxen, Saul summoned the nation to arms. **The fear of the LORD came on the people. Israel and Judah** combined mustered 330,000 strong at **Bezek** and marched all night to **Jabesh**, where they thoroughly routed **the Ammonites.**

Believer's Bible Commentary

- **1 Samuel 11:10-11 (NKJV)**

¹⁰ Therefore the men of Jabesh said, "Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you may do with us whatever seems good to you."

¹¹ So it was, on the next day, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and killed Ammonites until the heat of the day. And it happened that those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.

comments

- The men of Jabesh make it sound to the Ammonites that they had no help and would come out and surrender to them.
- Saul divides his men into three companies and won the battle. The enemy was scattered. James reminds us to resist the Devil and he will flee from you. Saul was challenged by the attack of the enemy. He let God use him to accomplish the work that needed to be done. God in turn equipped him to do the task.

Treasures From the Scriptures

- **1 Samuel 11:12-15 (NKJV)**

¹² Then the people said to Samuel, "Who *is* he who said, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' Bring the men, that we may put them to death."

¹³ But Saul said, "Not a man shall be put to death this day, for today the LORD has accomplished salvation in Israel."

¹⁴ Then Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and renew the kingdom there."

¹⁵ So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they made sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD, and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

comments

- Saul has won a great victory, but now he faces a second challenge. The first challenge was the *attack* of the enemy and the second is the *advice* of friends. Saul was hailed a hero and now the people want the destruction of the enemies of Saul ([10:27](#)). Saul was patient with these people. He turns a deaf ear to criticism and a blind eye to their actions. It takes wisdom to know when to confront gossip and criticism and when to keep quiet. Both responses are very difficult and one needs the Holy Spirit's power and wisdom to know how to properly and wisely respond.

Treasures From the Scriptures

- Let us go to Gilgal and renew the kingdom. This is the third challenge for Saul. He faced the *attack* of the enemy, the *advice* of friends, and now the *admonition* of the Word. Saul had a three-fold coronation.
- He was anointed privately by Samuel. ([10:1](#))
- He was presented to the people at Mizpeh. ([10:17-25](#))
- He is made king at Gilgal, the official coronation where sacrifices are offered to the Lord and Samuel addresses the people.
“There they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they made sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD, and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.”

Treasures From the Scriptures

Believing

- Saul is found to be worthy of being king and is now received and made King.
- Jesus like Saul may be the anointed King, he may be King of Kings and Lord of Lords, but like those who would not receive Saul, until we receive HIM and make him our “LORD”, knowledge of his worth and lordship means nothing.
- **John 1:12 (NKJV)**
¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Longsuffering

- Saul made the choice not to destroy those who did not trust him or receive him.
- **2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)**
⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

The Unbelieving

- **John 5:37-40 (NKJV)**

And the Father Himself, who sent Me, has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form. But you do not have His word abiding in you, because whom He sent, Him you do not believe. You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

- **Jude 1:5 (NKJV)**

But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe.

- God is longsuffering - not willing that any should perish. 2 Peter 3:9
- Many chose to not come - to the Lord that they might have life. He that believes not is condemned because he will not believe. John 5:40
- Judgment is coming - "afterward destroyed those who did not believe." Jude 1:5
- Because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." **Acts 17:31**
- And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened.¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. **Revelation 20:12-15**