

Character Matters!

1 Sam. 8-16

David – the Making of a Leader

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Background leading to 1 Sam. 8:4-9

- 300 years of judges' leadership
- Eli's sons were reprobates
- Samuel was godly
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- Philistines encroaching
- Monarchies led "respectable nations"

Israel's rejection of and failure to trust God (1 Sam. 10:17-24)

Foreshadowing of Saul's leadership (1 Sam. 10:22)

Jacob's prophecy (Gen. 49:8-12, 27)

"You're getting what you asked for!" (1 Sam. 10:23-24)

Saul's failures to trust God

- Saul's impatience and usurping the priest's office (1 Sam. 13:8-14).
- Saul's rash vow (1 Sam. 14:24-38).
- Saul ignores the Lord's command, is rejected by God, blames the people for his own failure, and refused to accept *any* responsibility for anything but the good he thought he had done (15:1-3, 9-21).
- The list goes on until his death, and even *in* his death (1 Sam. 31:2-5).
- *After* his death, the effects of his lack of leadership continued to be felt.

Lessons Learned

1) **ALWAYS** trust **God**. **ALWAYS!**

a) Israel failed under pressure

b) Saul failed under pressure

2) **Character matters**

a) Surrender your will to God's

b) It's for *every* area of life

c) As Christians it's a matter of reflection on Christ character

