



1 Samuel

Background

- 1 Samuel is a transitional book that marks Israel's transition from the rule of the Judges to the rule of the Kings.
- 1 and 2 Samuel were originally one book covering approximately 150 years of history.
- The author is unknown. Some have speculated that Samuel, Nathan, and Gad were contributors (1 Chron. 29:29).
- 1 and 2 Samuel are historical, but they are *preached* history. The narrators have a definite perspective about the historical information and a definite purpose for revealing it.

Roadmap

1. Samuel: A Prophet From God's Grace (1-7)
2. Saul: A King in God's Place (8-15)
3. David: A Man After God's Heart (16-31)

Extended Outline on Back

Landmark

The theme of 1 Samuel is "God lifts up and brings low." Through Hannah, Samuel, Saul, and David, we see God lifting up the humble and bringing low the proud.

Must See

Samuel is the only person in Scripture with the roles of Judge, Prophet, and Priest.

- Like Christ, he preaches boldly (3:19-21).
- Like Christ, he prays fervently (7:5-8).
- Like Christ, he leads righteously (7:13-17)
- Like Christ, he obeys completely (8:22).

Takeaway

1. God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.
2. No amount of potential or qualifications can rescue the person who willfully disobeys God.
3. Disobedience has consequences, but it cannot thwart God's plan.