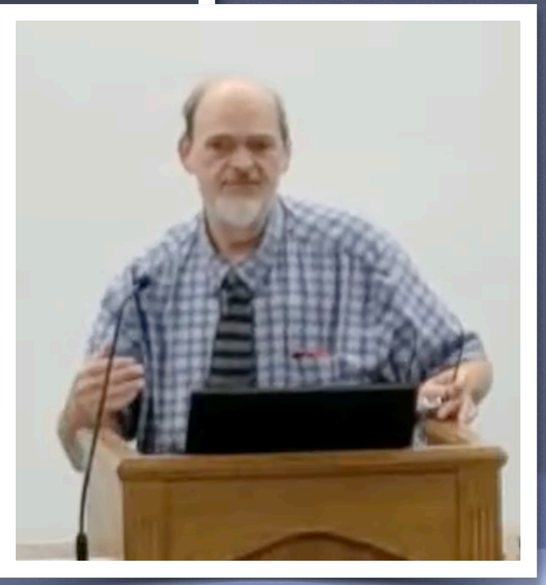
TODAY'S LESSON

"PERFECT PERFORMANCE VERSES PERFECT HEART"

(1 Samuel 16:1-13)

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PERFECT HEART

VS.

PERFECT PERFORMANCE

1 SAMUEL 16:7

David, a Man After God's Own Heart

Saul was first king of Israel 1 Samuel 8-10

Started well (humble, faithful) 1 Sm 11-12

Started living with foolish fear 1 Sm 13-14

Rejected God's word, God Himself 1 Sm 15

The LORD rejected Saul as king

The LORD selected a man after His own heart
1 Sm 16

God looks at the heart, not physical details

Contrast Between David and Saul

Saul rejected the Lord, so the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul 1 Sm 16:14

The Spirit of the Lord was now with David 1 Sm 16:13 when anointed (see Jesus in John 1:29-34; see Acts 10:38)

Saul now has a distressing spirit

David, with the Spirit, plays music and drives away the distressing spirit (see Jesus in Matthew 15:21-28)

Contrast Between David and Saul

Battle at Valley of Elah 1 Sm 17

Giant Goliath taunted Israel v.8-11

Taunted Israel (the LORD's people) for 40 days; all fled 2x daily (morning and evening v.16)

David obediently took food for the unit where his oldest three brothers were part v.12-22

Then Goliath taunted Israel for the 81st time

Contrast Between David and Saul

David can't believe that Israel is letting this heathen defy God's people (army) v.23

And Israelites are running away! v.24

They informed David of the reward for whoever defeats Goliath v.25

David is intrigued and asks others v.26-27

David gets resistance from his oldest brother v.28 (like Jesus in John 7:1-8)

Word reaches Saul! Somebody willing! v.31

Contrast Between David and Saul

Saul seemed to be disappointed v.33

David told Saul,"Let no man's heart fail because of him." (Goliath) "I will fight against him."

Saul said, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

Saul then put his armor on David (Saul's helmet of bronze and coat of mail); he tried them but refused to use them v.38-39

David came as a shepherd with faith, staff and sling; picked up 5 smooth stones v.40

Contrast Between David and Saul

Compare how Goliath was equipped v.4-7

Bronze helmet (like the one David tried)

Coat of mail (NASB "**scale mail armor**") = **5000 shekels** (**125 lbs**.) **of bronze Ezekiel 29:4 dragon's scales**

Bronze bracers on his legs

Bronze javelin on his back

Spear handle as thick as a weaver's beam with an iron spearhead that weighed 600 shekels (**15 lbs**.)

Serpent and Bronze in Hebrew

SERPENT	BRONZE
נָחָשׁ	נְחֹשֶׁת
nāḥāsh	neḥoshet
Genesis 3:1	**1 Samuel 17:5,38**

Both words from the same root of consonants נָחָשׁ (nun, ḥet, shin).

Contrast Between David and Saul

This is a **picture** of **Genesis 3:15** that was **fulfilled by Jesus against Satan John 12:27-34**; **Revelation 12:7-11**.

David is the **ancestor** of **Jesus Christ**.

Goliath had a **coat of *mail*** (**Hebrew word** QASQESETH, literally "**scales**" in every other place in the **Old Testament Leviticus 11 fish scales**, **Ezekiel 29:3-4 dragon scales**, *etc*.) **Rev. 12:1-11**

Contrast Between David and Saul

Goliath viewed David contemptuously v.42-45
felt insulted

David responded with glory to God: "You come with javelin, spear, and sword, but I come to you in the name of the LORD."
Psalm 118:26 all about Jesus

Everyone here (winners and losers) **will know** that **the battle** is **the LORD's**

Contrast Between David and Saul

David killed Goliath with one stone to the head

Goliath fell face down dead (**ate dust**; **on his belly**) **Genesis 3:15** indeed foreshadowed the serpent's defeat **John 12:23-33**; **Rev. 12:7-11**

David cut his head off as he said

Then the Philistines fled

Then the Israelites pursued the Philistines

Do you see in David What God Saw?

Living in bold faith

Desire to praise Him Deuteronomy 10:27

Love for God Psalm 101:1

Love for His will Psalm 101:2

Hatred for sin Psalm 101:3

Hatred for God's enemies Psalm 101:4-5

Love for God's people Psalm 101:6

True trust in God Psalm 37:1-11

We Are Who We Are Because of Who God Is

Titus 3:1-8

Saved for a **purpose** **Titus 2:11-15**; **1 Peter 2:9-10**

God is looking for our hearts

His commands are for our benefit

His commands are for His glory

Obey the gospel **Mark 16:16**; **Acts 2:38**

Repent and **pray if your heart** is **not right before God** **Acts 8:24**

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