

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 42 – Nahash Encamps Against Jabeshgilead Through Saul Fails As King (I Samuel 11-15)

1. What response did Nahash the Ammonite give to the agreement offered by the men of Jabeshgilead?
2. What was Saul's reaction to the news of what was happening with Nahash the Ammonite and the men of Jabeshgilead?
3. What message did Saul send throughout all the coasts of Israel?
4. Would Nahash the Ammonite have been better off accepting the agreement offered by the men of Jabeshgilead rather than facing Saul?
5. What happened when the people wanted to put to death those who rejected Saul as their king (now that they've seen his might and leadership)?
6. Did Samuel show that credibility is necessary in teaching and leading?
7. What is the point behind Samuel's history lesson to Israel?
8. What was required of Saul and the children of Israel to keep from having God against them?
9. What did Samuel call upon the Lord to do so that the people could perceive and see their wickedness was great?
10. After the answer to question nine occurs, what did the people say?
11. What are some lessons we can learn from Samuel's response to Israel's fear discussed in question ten?
12. As Saul is in the first two years of his reign, does he begin to show his strength as a leader?

13. What error did Saul commit while Samuel was not yet come and the people were in fear because of the Philistines who were attacking Israel?

14. At what point was it revealed to Saul that his kingdom would not continue as the Lord searched for a man after His own heart to rule?

15. Why was there a great shortage of swords and spears as the day of battle came between the Israelites and the Philistines?

16. Explain how Jonathan showed great faith in his willingness to trust God, but also great stupidity in speaking and leading against the instructions of his father.

17. Did Saul slay Jonathan for his transgression?

18. How long was Saul in battle against the Philistines?

19. Did Saul keep God's instructions concerning the Amalekites?

20. Using the example of Saul concerning the Amalekites, how much of God's instructions does He expect us to keep?

21. Did Saul think he had done anything wrong in taking the Amalekites?

22. If we do not fully obey the Lord, even though we may claim our disobedience was for God, will our transgressions be overlooked (again, use our current context to prove out your answer)?

23. Had Saul gone too far in his disobedience to God?

24. What happened to Agag?

25. How often did Samuel visit Saul after the events discussed in our study?