

SAUL'S SUCCESSOR PREPARED

1 Samuel 16 - 18

After Saul's rejection as king because of his disobedience to God, God began immediately to prepare his successor. Read below about these preparations, and Saul's reaction to them:

A. The Choice of Saul's Successor: Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13

1. From whose household was the new king to be chosen? 1 Samuel 16:1

2. On what basis would Samuel have chosen him? 1 Samuel 16:6, 7a

3. On what basis did God say he must be chosen? 1 Samuel 16:7b

4. What was the new king doing when he was chosen to become king?
1 Samuel 16:11-13

B. His Early Preparation: Read 1 Samuel 16:14-23

1. What happened to Saul at about this time? 1 Samuel 16:14

2. What remedy was proposed by Saul's servants? 1 Samuel 16:15-17

3. Who was chosen to carry out this remedy? 1 Samuel 16:18-20

4. What other position was he given at this time? 1 Samuel 16:21

C. His Later Preparation: Read 1 Samuel 17:1-18:9

1. When the Philistines and their champion Goliath defied the armies of Israel, where was David? 1 Samuel 17:15

2. For what purpose was he sent to the scene of the battle?
1 Samuel 17:17, 18

3. What was the reaction of all the armies of Israel to the giant?
1 Samuel 17:24

4. What was David's reaction to the giant? 1 Samuel 17:26b, 32

5. On what did David base his confidence? 1 Samuel 17:34-37, 45-47

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6. What was the outcome of his battle? 1 Samuel 17:48-54

7. What position was David given as a result of his victory over the giant?
1 Samuel 18:2, 5

8. What did the women of Israel say about David's victory?
1 Samuel 18:7

How did their praise affect Saul? 1 Samuel 18:8, 9

D. Saul's Relationship to Him: Read 1 Samuel 18:10-30

1. Shortly after David's victory over the giant, what did Saul try to do to him?
1 Samuel 18:10, 11

2. To what position was David removed after Saul's efforts failed?
1 Samuel 18:13

3. For what reason did Saul plan to give his daughter to David as his wife?
1 Samuel 18:17, 21

4. How did Saul feel when he saw that none of his schemes worked as he had planned?
1 Samuel 18:12, 15, 28-30

5. Through all these events, what feelings were being aroused toward David
in the hearts of the people? 1 Samuel 18:5, 16, 30

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What was the real secret of David's success? 1 Samuel 16:7b, 8; 18:12, 28

2. Is my heart in such condition that I could be chosen and empowered by God to do a
special work for Him? (See 2 Chronicles 16:9a)
