Subject: I Samuel 19:18-24...Prophesying
Posted by james on Mon, 14 May 2012 14:06:07 GMT
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I'm going over the life of David and while reading I Samuel 19:18-24, I came to where David and Samuel were staying at Naioth in Ramah to avoid King Saul killing David. We're told that Saul sent messengers to get information so Saul could kill him. The messengers began to join in with Samuel and David and a company of prophets to prophesy; Saul sent messengers twice more and they all began to prophesy as well. Then King Saul himself went and he too prophesied (after removing his clothing).

My question or comment is this, does anyone have any input as to why Saul, who already had tried numerous times to kill David with the javelin and sending him into dangerous battle situations against the Philistines, would come before Samuel and prophesy?
He already had been told by God through Samuel that his kingdom would be taken from him due to disobedience concerning how he failed to utterly destroy all the Amalekites, saving Agag the king and choice livestock. I'm sure Bro. Freeman had teachings on this, I just don't remember it or if there was a principle or purpose being laid out for us to learn from the recording of these events...beyond the obivious that God can raise up anyone or anything to prophesy if He so desires.

Subject: Re: I Samuel 19:18-24...Prophesying
Posted by william on Mon, 14 May 2012 14:57:13 GMT
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I think that one aspect of this account highlights the two aspects of humility-- forced humility and willful humility.

In this account you had the forced humbling of the messengers of Saul as well as the humbling of Saul himself. This reminded me of the account beginning in 2 Kings 1:9 where the captains and their men were consumed by fire (forced humility!) and then the third captain and his fifty were spared by the voluntary humility of the captain.

I think that Paul offers the same kind of deal to the Corinthians when he asks: "What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and [in] the spirit of meekness?" -- 1Cr 4:21

Num 22:21f (the account of Balaam) is another example.

The sovereignty of God is the overarching principle presented but I'm sure that there are many other lessons to be learned and I'm looking forward to hearing some of them!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: I Samuel 19:18-24...Prophesying
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God's ways aren't always our ways, and I'm already seeing this once more. My plan was to do a study on the life of David(a man after God's own heart), and I'm sure I'll get to that eventually. But now I can't stop thinking of Saul and the spiritual comparison to my own life. Saul wanted to be a good king, he wanted to follow The Lord; but he WANTED to do it his way. He thought he knew better than God, he tried to justify himself and his actions by deflecting his disobedience to be for righteous reasons.(I saved the choice livestock for to sacrfice unto The Lord.) Wherein Samuel responded with the words we ofter repeat today, "To obey is better than sacrifice" and that rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft.

Saul loved David, yet he was a man of complexity, he would try killing him, he would confess that he had sinned and repent, yet fall right back into the same cycle of jealousy and anger. God gave him a kingdom to rule over and he blew it by willful disobedience to God's clear instructions.

I (we) too were made priests and kings into a everlasting kingdom, a far better situation than Saul had(he needed the sacrifice of bulls and goats on a regular basis, and still didn't have direct access unto God, he had to inquire through priest and prophets...But we do have authority to enter into the Holy of Holies, through the sacrificed Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.)

Well, I'm gonna be chewing on this for a while...see where He takes me.
