



GODLINESS

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Lesson 1

GOD CHOOSES A GODLY MAN AS KING

NOTE TO THE TEACHER

If possible, use this series of lessons right after teaching Old Testament Volume 20 *Disobedience*. Your students should have the historical background given in Volume 20. Then they will understand the events in this series. If you cannot use the lessons on *Disobedience*, give your students a brief summary of Saul's failure (1 Samuel 13:1-15:35). Make it clear that as a result of Saul's disobedience God rejected him as king.

On a large card print the word **GODLINESS**. Hold it up for the class at the beginning of this lesson, and whenever you use the word in this series. *Godliness* means "devotion to God". A godly person behaves right. He has a right attitude toward God and others. He is eager to obey the will of God.

Your students will enjoy studying the map to see the movement in these lessons.

BACKGROUND

King Saul was a fearful, jealous, angry man—because he disobeyed God. Instead of honoring God, he became self-centered. So God chose David to replace Saul (1 Samuel 16:13-14). Saul's reign continued for 32 years. Because King Saul was willfully disobedient, he did not enjoy God's presence or power. Finally God removed him from the throne by death.

But David was being prepared by God to replace Saul. David is described as a man after God's own heart (1 Samuel 13:14). He was not perfect. But his heart was usually right toward the Lord. He demonstrated what God can do through one who is surrendered to Him.

These lessons cover a period of about 15 years. The events occurred about 1,000 years before Christ Jesus was born.

Scripture to be studied: 1 Samuel 16

The aim of the lesson: To show the kind of person God approves and uses.

What your students should know: That the Lord sees your heart—your innermost self.

What your students should feel: The desire for a heart-attitude which pleases God.

What your students should do: Confess to the Lord everything which displeases Him. Ask God's forgiveness and accept His cleansing from sin.

Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):

1. God sends Samuel to meet the king He had chosen (1 Samuel 16:1-12).
2. God knew David's heart (Psalm 14:1; 8:3, 6; 139:1-12; 51:1-19; 37:3-5; 100:1-5; 61:1-4).
3. Samuel anoints David as king (1 Samuel 16:13).
4. David serves Saul (1 Samuel 16:14-23).

The verse to be memorized:

The LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.
(1 Samuel 16:7b)

THE LESSON

Saul was not a godly man. He deliberately *chose* to disobey God. No one forced him to be disobedient. He himself made the choice. Saul was the first man to rule as king over the Israelite people. Who was their King before Saul? (*God*) Why did God not continue to be their King? (*Israel wanted a man for their king—like all the other nations.*) God gave them their wish. He chose Saul to be their human king.

If Saul had obeyed God, he could have had a wonderful life, filled with God's blessing. Instead, he *deliberately disobeyed* God. (See 1 Samuel 13:9-14; 15:1-23.)

Samuel, God's prophet, announced God's judgment to Saul: "The Lord has chosen *a man after His [God's] own heart* [a godly man] to be king in your place" (1 Samuel 13:14; 15:28).

(Teacher: Help your students to describe "a man after God's heart." *One who believes God's Word, is obedient to God, kind, loving, honest, humble, patient, truthful, one who does good deeds*)

Today I brought an egg to class. By looking at it, can you tell whether it is soft or hard inside? Can you tell if it is good or rotten? Why not? (*Because we can see only the outside, not the inside*)