

Preparation of the Leader's Heart

- I. **God's Selects His Leader** - _____
- A. God gives His instructions

 - B. God provides strategy

 - C. Samuel goes, and the people know God is getting ready to do something

 - D. He gathers Jesse's sons.

 - E. The "passed over" ones:
 - 1. Eliab – _____

 - 2. Abinidab – _____

 - 3. Shammah – _____

 - F. **God's** man wasn't even at the "choosing" ceremony
 - 1. Could have been "overlooked", or perhaps wasn't even considered because he hadn't "come of age".

2. In the field, doing three things, related to two principles

a)

b)

c)

3. The two principles:

a)

b)

G. And his name reveals that – _____

H. Samuel anoints David – sets him in.

II. God Prepares David

A. Begins by putting him under a demonized leader

B. And where is David?

C. So David is embraced and brought into the house of Saul

III. 1 Samuel 17 – David and Goliath

A. Philistines – _____ – present their champion

B. David is “back and forth” from the battle line and the sheep field.

C. Bottom line: no one will fight Goliath, but David volunteers.

IV. 1 Samuel 18 - The Training Begins

- A. The people rejoice over David's victory

- B. Saul gets jealous –

- C. and the evil spirit comes back – SELAH!

- D. David behaves wisely, and it makes Saul afraid of him.

- E. David asks to marry Michal, Saul's daughter, Saul tries to snare him into getting himself killed by asking for a dowry of 100 Philistine foreskins

- F. David becomes even more well esteemed

V. 1 Samuel 19 – The persecution increases

- A. Saul determines to kill David

- B. Jonathan warns David to be on guard

- C. But Jonathan talks Saul out of killing him

- D. David wins another battle

- E. And Saul tries to kill David again

- F. Saul sends his messengers to kill David, but Michal warns him and lets him down through the window

- G. David goes to Samuel at Ramah, where he teams up with the “school of the prophets”

- H. Saul sends three groups of messengers to find David, they all come upon Samuel, but the Holy Spirit was so strong there that they began to prophesy also.

VI. The Wilderness Years

- A. Jonathan warns David of Saul’s trap

- B. David runs for his life, finds provision from the priesthood – eats the holy bread at Nob.

- C. Establishes his stronghold in the cave at Adullam

- D. But still fights against the Philistines

- E. Spends the next several years staying in strongholds in the wilderness

- F. David spares Saul