



# What's Happening January 31, 2010

## Samuel and the First King

1 Samuel 1-3, 8-10, 13

Family Bible pages 116-117, 122-124

**Story Summary:** A childless woman cries out to the LORD for a son and when He answers her prayer, she takes him to the temple to serve the LORD. When Samuel grows older, he hears the voice of God and leads the people as a judge and prophet of Israel.

The elders of Israel come to him in his old age when they realize his sons are not good leaders and ask for a king. Although he disapproves, he obeys God and chooses a man from the tribe of Benjamin. Saul is out looking for his father's donkey when Samuel finds him and anoints him as king.

Saul leads the people and grows the kingdom of Israel. Later, however, he takes it upon himself to make a sacrifice when Samuel is late coming to a battle. This is against the Law and God removes His favor from Saul for the remainder of his reign (a total of 40 years).

### Reading at Home

**Last week:** Samson (Judges 14-16; FB 108-111)

**Next week:** David and Goliath (1 Sam. 15-17; FB 126-129)

**During the week:** The Philistines and the Ark (1 Sam. 4-6 FB 118-119)

### Worship Thoughts

We say **worship is knowing God and walking with Him**. It is not one specific activity we do periodically.

Today we focused on **loving God** as something we do as we **walk with Him**. **Listening** to Him and then **doing** as He instructs is one way we can love Him.

In our story we saw how Samuel, from an early age, listened to God and did what God told him. The people saw him as a great leader and prophet. Saul, on the other hand, chose to do things his own way even when he knew what God wanted. As a result, his throne was given to someone else.

Learning to hear God is hard because we are so used to listening to our own voice or to the voice of others. God's voice is quiet. If we are to hear it we must practice maintaining an attitude of openness, focusing on His indwelling presence within

us. Going to a quiet place and writing or drawing as a conversation with Him is a way to start. Notice new ideas or different thoughts and mediate on them. Don't be discouraged if nothing seems to happen for a while. Remember, it takes practice.

### Learning the Gospel

Section 16 & 17: **"But God still loved them. He gave them a way to cover their sins with animal sacrifices..."**

**Verses to know:** Rom. 5:8, 1 John 4:10, Lev. 5:5-6, 17:11 and Heb. 10:3-4, 10:11

Even though God put Adam and Eve out of the garden for believing Satan instead of Him, He still loved them and wanted to have that special spirit-to-spirit relationship with them again. Because they couldn't pay the penalty to remove the sin that prevented that from happening God gave them a way to cover their sin until the time came for Him to keep His promise to provide a way for the Spirit to live in them again. Animal sacrifices could never take away their sin though. It could only cover it.

### Worship By Giving

Through February 14, we will be collecting new and used items for the new Hinds' Feet Ministry facility.

# Hinds' Feet on High Places

## Kitchen Supplies:

convection oven  
food Processor  
dinner set to feed (16)  
lg. coffee pot  
serving utensils  
30" x 6ft utility storage Unit

Refrigerator - medium size  
salt & pepper shaker  
colander  
baking pans  
sheet pans  
pots and pans

## Dry Goods:

heavy duty plates & bowls  
paper towels & dispenser  
napkins

8 oz cups  
plastic silverware  
plastic condiment holders

## Cleaning Supplies for Kitchen:

kitchen towels  
liquid dish soap  
liquid Sanitizer  
kitchen cabinet liners  
mop & mop bucket w/ringer  
scrub pads

wash cloths  
pot holders  
dish tray  
dust mop for wood floor  
broom and dust pan

## Cleaning Supplies for Bathroom:

Lysol cleaners for toilet and bathroom sink  
bathroom trashcan  
soap dispenser

toilet paper  
bathroom hand towel

## Furniture:

folding chairs  
folding tables  
coffee table  
lamps  
matching couch / chair set

shredder  
filing cabinet w/ lock  
bar stools  
floor rugs  
side table

## Arts and Crafts:

painting supplies  
stamps  
drawing material  
etc.

scrap booking supplies  
jewelry making supplies

(The office includes small kitchen, dining area, large room and two small offices.)