

Day 49

- Good Morning! Do you know, I just typed God instead of good, and I corrected it, but then I thought, yes, God Morning! There is no better way to start the morning, or the middle of the night in my case half of the time, than with God! For when we start our day with God, we are already saying to that day, “I expect greatness. I expect blessing. I expect to be a blessing. And no matter what the enemy throws at me, I will deflect him with the shield of faith, which extinguishes ALL the fiery arrows of the enemy. (Ephesians 6:16). Now, that is how to start a great DAY!
- Yesterday, we danced around in 1 Samuel, looking at how the people of Israel told the prophet Samuel, they didn’t want the LORD as their king; they wanted a man. So, let me just jump ahead slightly in the account of this moment in time to King David, who after he became king chose to do a census, which the LORD had said not to do. I’m not going to go deep into it here, but I want for us to see how King David knew that it was far better to be under the LORD than man, for David knew that God is mercy and man is not. “I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies are great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man.” 2 Samuel 24:14.
- Now, David could have learned that great wisdom through watching the not good actions of King Saul before him, but I know that David learned that truth through His relationship with God Himself, for David had met God on those high pastures in the land of Judah. And in all those alone hours protecting the sheep, caring for them, nurturing them, and loving them, David saw the heart of God. And as David saw God’s heart in those moments, God revealed Himself to David, and they became close. How do I know this? Because David could have never faced off with Goliath without Knowing the LORD! But, I’m getting ahead of myself.
- So the LORD, after having Samuel tell the people all the things a human king would demand of them and giving them the opportunity to change their minds, gave them exactly what they asked for — a king just like all the other nations had. (Hint: I said it that way on purpose).
- The LORD had Samuel go to the land of Benjamin and hand pick Saul. Saul was known to be a very large man, quite tall, a man who by the eyes, definitely LOOKED like a king.
- Because in that time, those who were kings of other nations were warriors who took control of the people; they were not necessarily appointed, and they were not weaklings either. They were usually brutal, deceptive, selfish, blood thirsty for more, and they did not care about the people they ruled over. They were NOT servants of the people; they were strong fisted RULERS of the people.
- But the people of God wanted a king JUST like the other nations had, so the LORD gave them what THEY wanted.
- Now, I don’t know if I should or not, but there is a part of me that feels sorry for Saul, at least in the beginning of his reign. He just seems like a big, dopey, afraid kid who has no idea what he is getting into. I mean, in 1 Samuel 10, right after Saul is anointed king of Israel, the very first king of Israel, Samuel tries to present him to the people, and where is Saul? Hiding among the luggage — well, pretty much. The people couldn’t find their newly appointed king, for when Samuel announced him to them, the king was no where to be seen. So, the people asked the LORD where the new king was.
- “And the LORD answered, “There he is, hidden among the equipment.” (1 Samuel 10:22).
- “So they ran and brought him from there; and when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward. And Samuel said to the people, “Do you see him whom the LORD has chosen, that there is no one like him among the people?”
- “So all the people shouted and said, “Long live the king!”
- “Then Samuel explained to the people the behavior of royalty, and wrote it in a book and laid it up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house. And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and **valiant men went with him, whose hearts God had**

touched. But some rebels said, “How can this man save us?” So they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace.” 1 Samuel 10: 23-27.

- Okay, there is A LOT here, but I am going to only look at a few parts, but I really encourage you to take a deeper look into this portion of scripture with Holy Spirit. You will be amazed at what He shows you.
- First of all, do you see what I mean about feeling a bit sorry for Saul? But, even though they had to pull him out from among the equipment, the people were enamored by the LOOK of him. They saw Saul’s huge stature and probably good looks, and they thought, “yes, now that’s a king.” They were completely oblivious to the fact that he was afraid and unprepared — and not one of the people thought to ask if He had a heart for God or wisdom from the LORD. They SAW with their eyes what they thought a human king should look like, and they cheered, “Long live the king!”
- Now, we should probably pause and ask ourselves, how many times have we told God, “no, I don’t want Your best, I want what my flesh wants. I want what I can see, what is tangible, what makes me feel good right in this moment, what makes me feel like everybody else. Then, when we get it, and we reap the harvest from it, which, let’s face it, is not usually good at all, we then, most often, blame God for the harvest, and we can’t understand why He hates us (or that’s what we think — because GOD does not hate us). If we could truly step back from all of our emotions and feelings and look at the progression of the whole experience, we would find that we asked for that thing (whatever it may be); we literally seeded into the system of the LORD, calling for that thing, crying out for it, longing for it, and so the system does everything it can to get us that thing because it is designed to bring harvest from seed — good or bad. In our desire to get what we we want, upon getting it, we shout, “Long live the king!” Completely unaware (most likely) of the harvest that is coming.
- Can we all say together, “My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.” Hosea 4:6.
- Looking back at the above scripture, I would like to point out how amazing God is. So, the people completely reject Him, telling Him, the God who created them, that they don’t want Him, the God of the universe; they wanted a human, a created, by God, being. God could have reacted as we would and totally got angry and most likely destroy most of them or all of them. But God, although He has a soul (mind, will, and emotions), does not allow Himself to be controlled by His emotions. He did not respond to the people out of hurt or anger, although He may have felt those emotions. I certainly would have. He gave the people exactly what they SEEDED for. The LORD in His system of government saw all of the seeds the people had planted, and when the plants grew up and matured, the LORD in His system of government, gave them a human king, JUST like they wanted.
- But God still loved His people even though they had rejected Him, so he gave King Saul, **valiant men to go with him whose hearts had been touched by God.** This is key here. Do you see how the whole time it was the LORD, the LORD, the LORD, and now, we see that God (Elohim), the personal God, touched these valiant men’s hearts, so they could protect the new king and give him good, wise, godly counsel to reign over the people of Israel. Even though the people rejected the LORD, God could not deny Himself, and so He remained faithful. AMAZING!!!
- So, the people seeded for a human king, a king who would be just like the kings of the nations around them, so the LORD, in His system of government, gave them exactly what they asked for. BUT God, who has to remain faithful even though we are faithless, put men around Saul who would help him, men whose hearts God had touched.
- Isn’t it amazing how, when we have revelation to see what scripture is actually saying, we can see it so clearly, even though we may have read it or heard it dozens and dozens of times. And, all of a sudden, there it is!
- To learn that God created a system of government through the aspect of Himself, as Yahweh (LORD), and when He set the whole of creation in motion, the system of government, the LORD was also set in motion. Then when we go back and read the Old Testament, all of a

sudden, we can believe Jesus' words, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father." John 14:9.

- I don't know how many times I have heard people say, "I like the God of the New Testament. The God of the Old Testament seems angry all the time." And yes, I can see their point. Oddly enough, I have always loved the Old Testament, and many times growing up, I would choose to study the Old Testament over the New Testament.
- Part of the reason, I have always loved history, but the main reason — are you ready for it? By the age of 10, only four years after giving my whole life to Jesus, the spirit of religion had begun to taint my walk with God. I gravitated to the Old Testament because it is full of the Law of Moses; Crime and punishment. Good and bad. Whether I was fully aware of it or not (I wasn't), I could relate to reaping what I sowed, and not only could I relate to it, I believed I deserved and needed to be punished for every tiny wrong or big wrong I committed. Why? Because the spirit of religion, that totally comes from satan, revels in telling us we suck, and we need to do penance...yep, I said it, penance. Yet, scripture clearly states, "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." John 8:36.
- From the moment we come into freedom, satan comes to steal that freedom. Remember, he always comes to attack us at our point of revelation. When we come to the saving grace of Jesus Christ, that is a massive revelation! And instantly, satan comes to say, "you're not really saved. You didn't mean it with your whole heart. You didn't say the prayer right." Then, if we grab onto that seed, he slips in the spirit of religion. "Your not worthy of God's love for you. Look at your past. You are going to have to be perfect to ever please Him even a little bit." You know why satan uses the spirit of religion against us? Because he can't take our salvation away, so his next goal is to completely stop us from being the mighty, dominion taking, authority cloaked, child of the Living God that we are, because he certainly doesn't want us to walk in that freedom because we will easily lead others into that freedom as well. And simply, satan is petrified of us walking in the dominion and authority that we have, and he hates us that we have dominion and authority, something he could never and can never have.
- So, when we start from the foundational stone of God is Absolutely Good, and we learn another foundational stone of God in His system of government is represented as the LORD, all capitals, in the Old Testament and quoted in the New Testament, and we also learn the foundational stone of seed, plant, harvest, coupled with the other foundational stone of words, actions, and intents of the heart are all seeds that get planted in that system of seed, plant, harvest, we then can then much more easily understand scripture!! Wow!! God is amazing!!
- Tomorrow, we will continue with Samuel, Saul, and maybe get to David; we'll see what the Holy Spirit does.
- Until then, I bless you in the LORD that all your words, actions, and intents of your heart will only be good seed planted in rich, fertile soil, and that the harvest you reap from that good seed will bring a yield of 30, 60, and 100 fold.
- Be encouraged, for God Most High adores you!!!