

## **I. Great Expectations - The Rise of Saul**

- A. Theme: When Israel demanded a king, God graciously provided Saul, a man of great promise possessing the characteristics Israel desired, to lead the people under Yahweh their King.
- B. Text: 1 Samuel 9-10 (1 Samuel 9:15-21)
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26

## **II. The LORD's Anointed King**

- A. Theme: The anointed kings of Israel serve as a picture of Jesus, the Anointed One, Who faithfully rules us forever and has anointed us with the Spirit.
- B. Text: 1 Samuel 10-12 (1 Samuel 10:1-10)
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

## **III. A Compulsive and Confused King**

- A. Theme: Saul is a compulsive man, full of rash and foolish actions, rooted in his confusion over how to walk in God's favor.
- B. Text: 1 Samuel 13-14 (1 Samuel 13:1-15)
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Deuteronomy 1:11

## **IV. A Rebellious King Is Rejected**

- A. Theme: Saul was rejected as king because he feared others and did not obey God's word, and then made excuses for his sin, hoping that the rituals of worship would excuse his rebellion.
- B. Text: 1 Samuel 15 (1 Samuel 15:22-23)
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21

## **V. A Jealous King**

- A. Theme: When Saul was rejected as king because of his sin, rather than repenting and finding his identity in God, he let his jealousy drive him to fear and despise others.
- B. Text: 1 Samuel 16-18 (1 Samuel 16:14-23; 18:5-17)
- C. Response: Prayer
- D. Benediction: Genesis 12:2-3

## **VI. A Wicked King**

- A. Theme: Over time, Saul's sin grew from a lack of personal integrity to consulting witches - with devastating effects for himself and those under his leadership.
- B. Text: 1 Samuel 18-28 (1 Samuel 18:20-22; 28:3-7)
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Psalm 79:9

## VII. How the Mighty Have Fallen

- A. Theme: Saul fell because he did not really seek to know God and His will, preferring to attempt to manipulate God into blessing his own desires and actions.
- B. Text: 1 Samuel 28-2 Samuel 1; 1 Chronicles 10 (1 Samuel 28:4-7; 1 Chronicles 10:13-14; 2 Samuel 1:17-27)
- C. Response: Communion
- D. Benediction: Psalm 79:9

### Game of Thrones - Part 2 - The Rise and Fall of Saul

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