

"For the LORD, the God of Hosts, was with Him"
2 Samuel 5:1-16

"The LORD said to Samuel....'for I have provided for Myself a king among his sons' " (1 Samuel 16:1). "One of the young men answered, 'Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite....and the LORD is with him' " (1 Samuel 16:18). "Then David said to the Philistine, [Goliath]....'but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied' " (1 Samuel 17:45). "Saul was afraid of David because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul" (1 Samuel 18:12). "And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him" (2 Samuel 5:10).

- (1 Samuel 5:1-5): David anointed king of Israel
 - Then all the tribes of Israel (1 Chronicles 12:23-40) came to David at Hebron and gave him three reasons why they were going to follow David as King:
 - 1) He was an Israelite (Deuteronomy 17:15).
 - 2) The LORD had used David's military to protect and provide for the people of Israel (1 Samuel 18:5).
 - 3) The LORD had declared David as king (1 Samuel 16:1; 1 Samuel 23:17; 2 Samuel 3:17-18).
 - The Elders of each tribe made a covenant with David before the LORD that they would serve David and David agreed to serve them in light of Deuteronomy 17:14-20 (2 Kings 11:17).

- (1 Samuel 5:6-10): David becomes greater by obeying God
 - The Jebusites had held Jerusalem for 400 years. Jerusalem was an area that God had promised His people, beginning with Abraham (Genesis 15:18-21), then Moses (Exodus 3:17). But Israel never took the initiative to remove the people from among them (Judges 1:20-21). They would rather live in disobedience comfortably, then fight for obedience.
 - The battle with the Jebusites (1 Chronicles 11:4-9).
 - The Biblical significance of Zion (Psalm 87:1-3). Zion is called the city of God and a place God loves. Zion is another name for Jerusalem, the people of Israel, the hill where David built his citadel and included the area where Solomon built the Temple. In the New Testament it is God's spiritual kingdom (Hebrews 12:22) and someday Christ will reign in Zion, and Israel and the city and the nation will be fully restored (Isaiah 52:1; Isaiah 60:14).

- (1 Samuel 5:11-16) David becomes lesser by disobeying God
 - Not only was David recognized nationally in Israel, he was also recognized internationally as well. The LORD was doing this for His glory and His people, not David's glory (2 Samuel 23:3-4).
 - *God never gives us power, resources, or skills for our glory. It is always for His glory and the good of His people.*
 - David again shows his sinfulness, despite all the good that God is doing through him and in him (Deuteronomy 17:14-20).

Announcements:

★ **MEMBERS MEETING:** We are having a Members Business Meeting ***THIS*** Sunday, July 23rd, immediately following the worship service. This meeting will be to discuss the *potential* of moving to a Sunday morning worship service. At this meeting we will be sharing the results of the anonymous ballot from the vote in May and opening the floor for Q&A. If you are currently a church member, please mark your calendars and plan to stay for this important meeting.

★ **KINGS ISLAND:** Christina Strawn is organizing a group trip to Kings Island on Saturday, August 5th. Group Admission tickets are \$52 each (minimum of 15 people). Please contact Christina if you would like to go or you have any questions! (740-755-6512)

★ **DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of July we are collecting monetary donations for Shannon and Vicki Bobb, they are one of the missionary families that we support as a church body. They are currently serving in Cambodia, where they live and serve and meet the physical and spiritual needs of those living in that region. For information about the Bobbs and their work in Cambodia, please see the bulletin board on the back table. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for the Bobbs.

★ **CHURCH DAY OF PRAYER:** *NEXT* Wednesday, July 26th, is our monthly church day of prayer. We ask that you please set aside time on this day to specifically pray for the Elders, the Deacons, the ministries of the church, and for the church body.