

1 Samuel 16:1-14

But the Lord Looks at the Heart

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1 Samuel 15:31 So Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul worshiped the Lord. 32 Then Samuel said, "Bring Agag king of the Amalekites here to me." So Agag came to him cautiously. And Agag said, "Surely the bitterness of death is past." 33 But Samuel said, "**As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women.**" And Samuel hacked Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal. 34 Then Samuel went to Ramah, and Saul went up to his house at Gibeah of Saul. 35 And Samuel went no more to see Saul until the day of his death. Nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul, and the Lord regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel.

Regretted = STRONGS - nacham (naw-kham'); a primitive root; properly, to sigh, i.e. breathe strongly; by implication, to be sorry, i.e. (in a favorable sense) to pity, console or (reflexively) rue; or (unfavorably) to avenge (oneself)

Ezek 35:1 Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir [*Edom/Amalekites, descendants of Esau*], and prophesy against it, 3 and say to it, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, O Mount Seir, I am against you; I will stretch out My hand against you, and make you most desolate; 4 I shall lay your cities waste, and you shall be desolate. Then you shall know that I am the Lord. 5 "Because you have had an ancient hatred, and have shed the blood of the children of Israel by the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, when their iniquity came to an end, 6 therefore, as I live," says the Lord God, "I will prepare you for blood, and blood shall pursue you; **since you have not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue you.**

Ps 83:2 For behold, Your [*God's*] enemies make a tumult; and those who hate You have lifted up their head. 3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people [*the Jews/Israel*], and consulted together against Your sheltered ones. 4 They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more." 5 For they have consulted together with one consent; they form a confederacy against You: 6 The **tents of Edom** and the Ishmaelites [*Saudi Arabia*]; Moab [*Jordan*] and the Hagrites [*Egypt*]; 7 Gebal [*Lebanon*], Ammon [*Jordan*], **and Amalek** [*offshoot of tents of Edom*]; Philistia [*Gaza*] with the inhabitants of Tyre [*Southern Lebanon*]; 8 Assyria [*Iraq*] also has joined with them; they have helped the children of Lot [*Jordan*]. Selah

Ps 83:9 Deal with them as with Midian, as with Sisera, as with Jabin at the Brook Kishon, 10 Who perished at En Dor, who became as refuse on the earth. (*see Judges 4*) 11 Make their nobles like Oreb and like Zeeb, yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna, (*See Judges 7*) 12 Who said, "**Let us take for ourselves the pastures of God for a possession.**" 13 O my God, make them like the whirling dust, like the chaff before the wind! 14 As the fire burns the woods, and as the flame sets the mountains on fire, 15 so pursue them with Your tempest, and frighten them with Your storm. 16 Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek Your name, O Lord. 17 Let them be confounded and dismayed forever; yes, let them be put to shame and perish, 18 That they may know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, are the Most High over all the earth.

1 Samuel 16:1 Now the Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have **provided Myself** a king among his sons." (*See 2 Chronicles 16:9*) 2 And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." But the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' 3 Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you." 4 So Samuel did what the Lord said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" 5 And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. **Sanctify yourselves**, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. (*See Exo 19:14*) 6 So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him!" 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, **but the Lord looks at the heart.**" 8 So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." 11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here."

Ps 51 Title - A Prayer of Repentance to the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

Psalm 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. 4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight — that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge. 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me.

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1 Samuel 16:12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" (*See 1 Sam 13:14*) 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came **upon** David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah. 14 But the Spirit of the Lord **departed** from Saul, and a **distressing spirit from the Lord** troubled him.