

Bible Character series of readings – week 23

3rd April – Saul

Monday: 1 Samuel 10:20 - 11:15. Crowned: Like Saul, others often value us for what we can do (for them!), rather than for who we are. Thank God, that he values us and loves us whether we are high achievers or not!

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 13: 1- 22. Rebuked: Saul was both presumptuous in offering the sacrifice, and also showed a superstitious side to his religious belief rather than true faith. Is there anything that you do more out of tradition and religious habit rather than out of love and faith in Jesus?

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 15:1-23. Rejected: God expected absolute obedience, even when he asked Saul to be his hand of judgement upon Amalek. Continued disobedience led to his rejection as King. Take heed of his poor example and check your own heart attitude and outward behaviour. Are you obeying whole-heartedly?

Thursday: 1 Samuel 16: 14-23. Lacking: Saul was still outwardly King, but as he fell prey more to the Devil, he revealed the inner turmoil of living outside God's anointing. Outward recognition by others will never be a substitute for inner power and confidence in God.

Friday: 1 Samuel 31:1-13. Death: Saul started well but did not run well or finish well. You cannot change where you start from, but you can determine how you run and how you finish your race. Make God a promise today that by his grace, you will faithfully run to the finish line.