

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

CHAPTER 10:9-27

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"God is Always Good"

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

I Samuel 10:9-27

Remember when Jesus was approached
by the rich young ruler – the
yuppie of the day, who asked of
Jesus

Matthew 19:16-17

"Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have
eternal life?"

and So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good?
There is only one good and that is God?"

Jesus Used That Man's Question to Introduce to Us That What is Good is of God, For God is Good by Nature.

We Know that From The Earliest Definitions of the English Language the Word "Good" was Reserved for God Only

We Say Today

Good Morning = God's Morning

Good Afternoon = God's Afternoon

Good Night = God's Night / Good Bye = God Be With Ye

**Good Friday =
God's Friday**

**But Israel Had Rejected
God**

So How can God be good to Israel when she didn't want anything to do with him?

How can God be good to us
When we often avoid Him,
or neglect Him?

How can God be good to America when
America has rejected God?

ANSWER

God is Good

Pastor Jack

– God is Good! I just got
a new job

Or

Praise the Lord, my test
result showed that I don't
have cancer

God is good even if you didn't get that job
and even if you do have cancer

GOD IS GOOD – AND HE’S GOOD ALL THE TIME

Psalm 73:1
Truly God is good to Israel,

Well We're In 1 Samuel 10:9-27

God is Always Good

1.) Even when we do not deserve it vv. 9-13

Have you even noticed that God's
Grace is still present?
Even at times when we are so
undeserving of His Goodness?

Even when we do not deserve it

a.) He gives us a new heart toward life v.9

So it was, when he had turned his back to go from Samuel,
that God gave him another heart; and all those signs came
to pass that day.

Gave him another heart

A New Heart for New Things / Different Things

This is the marked
difference between the
lost and the saved

A divine deposit of a new heart

Are you now desiring
to know God more?

Is there now a new hunger
to seek the Lord

Hebrews 6:1-2

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

How this is done

Ezekiel 18:31

"Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel?

Ezekiel 36:25-26

"Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. 26 "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (new heart, new man, new life)

Being Born Again

Results in a radical and obvious transformation

The Pursuit of God

Are you stationary? Get moving again

Are you hungering? Eat spiritual food
now

Are sleepy? In the name Jesus Christ,
rise up and walk

**THE LITHMIS TEST IS COMING SOON TO
THIS CHURCH**

I believe that God is desiring to call every one of us here
tonight in this church to put into action what He has been
investing

In less than a year
God will be bringing the world
to our doorstep and I believe
that He is calling this church
now to get ready to greet them.
To love them, to serve them.

No longer you being served – but you
doing the serving to them

**WILL YOU BE THERE
ON THAT FIRST SUNDAY MORNING**
*Waiting for them to arrive like a
fast ball*

**WILL YOU BE THERE OR WILL
YOU JUST WATCH FROM THE
SIDELINES?**
THIS MUST BE A NONSPECTATOR

AMPLIFIED VERSION

Matthew 20:25-28

But Jesus called his disciples to Himself and said, "You know that the big shots of the Gentiles lord over there people, and those who are great exercise authority over them. 26 "Yet it shall not be so among you (the church) ; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. 27 "And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave-- 28 "This has been my example to those who follow me. I did not come to be served by you, but to serve you...

**O' God Where do you want me
to serve in your Church?**
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serve in your Church?**

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What Is Jesus Telling You to Do?

Now that He has saved you

James 2:14

What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has
faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?

James 2:17-18

Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is
dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have
works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will
show you my faith by my works.

When Visitor's Come Here

IT'S AS THOUGH THEY'RE DEAF

Our praise the lords mean nothing to them. Our worship
means nothing to them. The message means nothing to them
UNLESS THIS MINISTRY HAS A FACE AND HANDS, AND FEET AND
HEART TO SERVE THEM...

"WHAT CAN WE DO FOR YOU?"
Should be our greeting

Even when we do not deserve it

b.) He causes our lives to make a difference vv.10-11

10 When they came there to the hill, there was a group of prophets to meet him; then the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. 11 And it happened, when **all who knew him formerly** saw that he indeed prophesied among the prophets, that the people said to one another, "What is this that has come upon the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?"

I Think God Gets a Kick Out of Using Us -- at All Times

1 Thessalonians 5:18
in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.

IN EVERYTHING

God is Always Good

1.) Even when we do not deserve it vv. 9-13

2.) Even when we fail to honor Him vv. 14-16

a.) When we Fail to speak of His Greatness vv.14-16

Then Saul's uncle said to him and his servant, "Where did you go?" And he said, "To look for the donkeys. When we saw that they were nowhere to be found, we went to Samuel." 15 And Saul's uncle said, "Tell me, please, what Samuel said to you." 16 So Saul said to his uncle, "He told us plainly that the donkeys had been found." But about the matter of the kingdom, he did not tell him what Samuel had said.

I Believe Saul's Lack of Enthusiasm is an
Indication of His Timidity and Fear to Obey God

*HE KNEW WHO SAMUEL WAS
And that Samuel spoke for God*

But the call didn't really float his boat

Until he possess it - rather than it possessing him

Psalm 63:1-3

O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul
thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and
thirsty land where there is no water. 2 So I have looked
for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory.
3 Because Your lovingkindness is better than life,
my lips shall praise You.

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3.) Even when we're disobedient to Him vv. 17-24

a.) He reminds us of His goodness vv.17-19

Then Samuel called the people together to the LORD at Mizpah, 18 and said to the children of Israel, **"Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all kingdoms and from those who oppressed you.'** 19 **"But you have today rejected your God, who Himself saved you from all your adversities and your tribulations; and you have said to Him, 'No, set a king over us!' Now therefore, present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and by your clans."**

NEHEMIAH'S EXHORTATION

Nehemiah 9:15-19

In their hunger you gave them bread from heaven and in their thirst you brought them water from the rock; you told them to go in and take possession of the land you had sworn with uplifted hand to give them. 16 "But they, our forefathers, became arrogant and stiff-necked, and did not obey your commands. 17 They refused to listen and failed to remember the miracles you performed among them. They became stiff-necked and in their rebellion appointed a leader in order to return to their slavery. But you are a

forgiving God, gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Therefore you did not desert them, 18 even when they cast for themselves an image of a calf and said, 'This is your god, who brought you up out of Egypt,' or when they committed awful blasphemies. 19 "Because of your great compassion you did not abandon them in the wilderness...

Psalm 26:7

That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Your wondrous works.

Could You Make a List ???

God is Always Good

Even when we're disobedient to Him

b.) He grants us our request

vv.20-22

20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was chosen. 21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was chosen. And Saul the son of Kish was chosen. But when they sought him, he could not be found. 22 Therefore they inquired of the LORD further, "Has the man come here yet?" And the LORD answered, **"There he is, hiding among the equipment."**

This I Mean in the Negative

I am Not Saying That if You're
Disobedient to God He will
Bless You - He Will Not

HE WILL GRANT YOU YOUR REQUEST

Even though It could severely hurt you or cause you harm

Psalm 106:7-15

Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; they did not remember the multitude of Your mercies, but rebelled by the sea-- the Red Sea. 8 Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make His mighty power known. 9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it dried up; so He led them through the depths, as through the wilderness. 10 He saved them from the hand of him who hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. 11 The waters covered their enemies; there was not one of them left. 12 Then they believed His words; they sang His praise. 13 They soon forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel, 14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tested God in the desert. 15 **And He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul.**

Listen to How Judgement
Can Come Upon Us
If We Insist on Our Own
Way

Numbers 11:31-34

31 for as the people demanded meat like that of Egypt, The Lord sent a wind that brought quail from the sea and let them fall into the camp and all around it! As far as one could walk in a day in any direction, there were quail flying three or four feet above the ground.....

....32 So the people caught and killed quail all that day and through the night and all the next day too! The least anyone gathered was 100 bushels! Quail were spread out all around the camp. 33 But as everyone began eating the meat, the anger of the Lord rose against the people and he killed large numbers of them with a plague. 34 So the name of that place was called, "The Place of the Graves Caused by Lust," because they buried the people there who had lusted for meat and for Egypt.

God is Always Good

Even when we're disobedient to Him

c.) Impatience leads to disobedience

vv.23-24

23 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. 24 And Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him whom the LORD has chosen, that there is no one like him among all the people?" So all the people shouted and said, "Long live the king!"

**This is the Christian's
greatest sin today**

Failing to wait upon God

- It takes discipline to wait emotionally
 - It takes faith to hear spiritually
- It takes willingness to be quiet physically

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4.) Even when a Nation has forgotten God vv. 25-27

25 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. 26 And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and valiant men went with him, whose hearts God had touched. 27 But some rebels said, "How can this man save us?" So they despised him, and brought him no presents. But Saul held his peace.

Samuel explained to the people the behavior of royalty

*The protocol of conduct
of those who represent God and
Authority*

Israel had never had a king before
So no doubt God spoke through Samuel what was to be the
conduct of royalty

Consider These Things

STEPS THAT KEEP US FROM FORGETTING GOD

a.) *Take an Honest Look at Yourself*

What have you and I really
earned in this life?

The Truth is
It was given to you by God –
that's your testimony

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights...

To Look Honestly at
Ourselves
Is to have a right view

Romans 12:3

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly.

Galatians 6:2-4

Share each other's troubles and problems, and so obey our Lord's command. 3 If anyone thinks he is too great to stoop to this, he is fooling himself. He is really a nobody. 4 Let everyone be sure that he is doing his very best, for then he will have the personal satisfaction of work well done and won't need to compare himself with someone else.

a.) Take an Honest Look at Yourself

b.) Take a Healthy Look at God

c.) Make an Accurate Assessment of Life

d.) Take Upon Your Calling

b.) Follow God at all Costs

What is it that you're
living for?
Is that thing worth
dying for?

2 Peter 1:1-8

From: Simon Peter, a servant and missionary of Jesus Christ. To: All of you who have our kind of faith. The faith I speak of is the kind that Jesus Christ our God and Savior gives to us. How precious it is, and how just and good he is to give this same faith to each of us. 2 Do you want more and more of God's kindness and peace? Then learn to know him better and better. 3 For as you know him better, he will give you, through his great power,

everything you need for living a truly good life: he even shares his own glory and his own goodness with us!

4 And by that same mighty power he has given us all the other rich and wonderful blessings he promised; for instance, the promise to save us from the lust and rottenness all around us, and to give us his own character
5 But to obtain these gifts, you need more than faith; you must also work hard to be good, and even that is not enough. For then you must learn to know God better and discover what he wants you to do. 6 Next, learn to put aside your own desires so that you will become patient and godly, gladly letting God have his way with you. 7 This will make possible the next step, which is for you to enjoy other people and to like them, and finally you will grow to love them deeply. 8 The more you go on in this way, the more you will grow strong spiritually and become fruitful and useful to our Lord Jesus Christ.

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