

RADIO TRANSCRIPT #51

singing : "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

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Anyone who has studied the scriptures and the history of Israel as a nation knows that there have been numerous kings which have occupied her throne. Yet there are only three truly significant kings which have sat upon her earthly throne during the time of her rise to power as a kingdom of flesh and blood, before she became a kingdom divided.

The first truly installed king was Saul the son of Kish. He was the answer the LORD gave to Israel when they rebelled against HIM and demanded a king like unto the other nations. Until that time, Israel was a theocracy which was ruled by prophets which GOD saw fit to raise up. Samuel was just such a prophet who warned the children of Israel against seeking an earthly king. He told them of the oppressive nature of earthly kings and their desire to tax and demand service from their subjects.

Yet in the LORD's purpose HE ordained the actions which precipitated the very rejection of HIS own rule over the house of Israel in order that HE might demonstrate the utter futility of the rule of the flesh and the ultimate end of all of those who reject HIS PROPHET. We see every action which was undertaken by the prophet of GOD as well as the people of Israel to be that which was ordered by the LORD to fulfill HIS exact purpose. *"O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!"*

Saul was a fine specimen of a man, who stood head and shoulders above his fellow Israelites. He was anointed by GOD to be the ruler over Israel so that the LORD might illustrate man in his fleshly state as he has descended from Adam. The LORD made Adam exactly like HE purposed; nor did Adam walk in any fashion which was not according to that purpose. Nor was Saul anywise less than that one whom the LORD ordained to demonstrate the wickedness of that man who is of the earth.

We are not surprised, therefore, to see Saul rejected from being king by the same GOD who appointed him as king, for Saul was a disobedient ruler in his own house. Just as in like fashion was his ancestor Adam, driven from the Garden in which the LORD had placed him. Though men will seek to place their guilt upon anyone but themselves, they can blame no one for their wicked ways and are each one accountable unto HIM who makes vessels unto honor and unto dishonor as it hath pleased HIM. The kingdom of Saul came to an end as he was slain, even as it is appointed unto men once to die, ending the proud rule of Adam.

Then with the demise of Saul, David came to reign in Jerusalem as king, destroying the stronghold of the Jebusites and uniting the children of Israel who had been scattered. As such a conquering king he is illustrative of the LORD JESUS CHRIST who has led captivity captive and given gifts to men and does rule and reign without rival.

Though David's reign is in many ways illustrative of the reign of CHRIST, yet David, a man after GOD's "own heart" was also even as Saul, a man of the flesh, and beset by his own sinful lusts and prone to disobedience. Yet David was not merely a man of the flesh (as was Saul) but his reign is illustrative of that man who is born again by the SPIRIT of GOD, who wars constantly with the sinful flesh in which he dwells by nature.

David could not continue as king by reason of the same death which befell Saul. Yet while Saul died in despair as a man of the flesh; David, died with the hope of GOD's promise before his eyes, as he was enabled to see Solomon, his beloved son (whose name literally means "loved of Yahweh") installed as king. Thus Solomon's reign is illustrative of the enjoyment of peace and the hope of the resurrection, which is experienced by the sons of GOD as they are enabled to behold the promised ONE, the PRINCE OF PEACE, even JESUS CHRIST the RIGHTEOUS upon whose shoulders is the government of HIS kingdom placed for HE is the KING of kings and LORD of LORDS. May HIS NAME be praised forever.

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