

Saul

The Heart on the Wrong Track - 1 Samuel 13

1 Samuel 13:1-23 (ESV) Saul lived for one year and then became king, and when he had reigned for two years over Israel. . .

The attack of the Philistine outpost at Geba by Jonathan

² Saul chose three thousand men of Israel. Two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and the hill country of Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. The rest of the people he sent home, every man to his tent.

³ Jonathan defeated the garrison of the Philistines that was at Geba, and the Philistines heard of it.

Saul mobilizes the entire army by Saul

And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear."

⁴ And all Israel heard it said that Saul had defeated the garrison of the Philistines, and also that Israel had become a stench to the Philistines. And the people were called out to join Saul at Gilgal.

The Philistines mobilize their army

⁵ And the Philistines mustered to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots and six thousand horsemen and troops like the sand on the seashore in multitude. They came up and encamped in Michmash, to the east of Beth-aven.

Israel was stricken with fear and panic when they saw the odds

⁶ When the men of Israel saw that they were in trouble (for the people were hard pressed), the people hid themselves in caves and in holes and in rocks and in tombs and in cisterns, ⁷ and some Hebrews crossed the fords of the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Saul was still at Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

God's plan to save His people - 1 Samuel 10:8 (ESV)

⁸ Then go down before me to Gilgal. And behold, I am coming to you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice peace offerings. Seven days you shall wait, until I come to you and show you what you shall do."

Saul's response to God's plan to save His people

⁸ He waited seven days, the time appointed by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattering from him.

Saul's excuse for not following God's plan to save His people

¹⁰ As soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came. And Saul went out to meet him and greet him. ¹¹ Samuel said, "What have you done?" And Saul said, "When I saw that the people were scattering from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines had mustered at Michmash,

The Lord's response to Saul

¹³ And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the Lord your God, with which he commanded you. For then the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. ¹⁴ But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you."

Saul's disqualifying mistake.

1. Saul believed that _____ way, would be a way to _____ people.
1 Samuel 13:9.
2. Saul believed that he could get God's _____ the way _____ to get God's saving power. 1 Samuel 13:12.

The Evangelical Churches' largest disqualifying mistake in the 21st Century

3. We believe that _____ get God (_____) the way _____ to get God (_____).

How to not fall into the same disqualifying mistakes so many make

4. _____ that The _____ of Jesus Christ is the _____ way.
John 14:6, 3:3, 1 John 5:11-12 (ESV).
 - a. You get to heaven by _____ life (_____), not _____ (_____).
 - b. You get to heaven by Christ's ultimate _____ (_____) not yours (_____).
 - c. You get to _____ by Christ's _____ (_____) not yours (_____) Acts 2:22-24 (ESV)
5. _____ to the Gospel by _____ God.
 - a. _____ by _____ that you _____ have Him to be _____. Acts 2:37-38 (ESV)
 - b. Be _____ for the purpose of making a _____ that you have been made _____ by embracing Him. Acts 2:37-38 (ESV)
6. Saul was not _____ from being king because of his _____.
He was rejected because his _____ was on the _____.