

Saul Takes His Life - 1 Chronicles 10:1-14

Topics: Disobedience, Judgment, Results, Sin

Open It

1. What do you think of tabloid newspapers and television shows that report scandals about famous people?
2. What examples can you recall of famous people whose career went downhill or who died in disgrace?
- * 3. What sort of pressures or crises have you been facing lately?
4. What do you think might cause a person to think about suicide?

Explore It

5. Who were the enemies of Israel who fought against them? (10:1-2)
- * 6. What important event in the history of Israel does this passage describe? (10:1-14)
7. How did the Philistines wound Saul? (10:3)
- * 8. What awkward conversation did Saul have with his armor-bearer? (10:4)
9. What did Saul want his armor-bearer to do to him? (10:4)
10. What was the armor-bearer's response to Saul's request? (10:4)
- * 11. What happened to the Israelite towns after Saul killed himself? (10:7)
12. What did the Philistines do to Saul's body to celebrate their victory? (10:8-10)
13. Who retrieved the bodies of Saul and his men to give them a decent burial? (10:11-12)
14. Why did Saul die? (10:13)
15. Where had Saul sought guidance during his reign as king? (10:13-14)
16. What did God do to Saul because of his unfaithfulness? (10:14)
17. Who became the new king of Israel? (10:14)

Get It

- * 18. What kind of a man was Saul?
19. What did Saul do that was disobedient to God?
20. In what way can a wrong decision be the start of a person's destruction?
21. Why was Saul willing to kill himself rather than be captured?
22. What was wrong with Saul's committing suicide rather than letting himself be captured by his enemies?
23. How can a person facing tremendous personal problems find help from God to cope and continue on in life?
- * 24. What causes someone to be stubborn and resistant to God's commands?
25. How might God bring judgment on a person who stubbornly disobeys Him?

Apply It

26. What is one small step you can take this week to develop your love for and loyalty to God?
- * 27. The next time you are feeling pressure or opposition, in what ways can you turn to the Lord for help and guidance?
28. What Christian friend could you ask to counsel and help you in your obedience to God?