

# God Sovereignly Raises Up Leaders

(1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel)

*Sunday, April 3rd*

## 1. God Raised Up Samuel (1 Samuel 1-7) The Transition to Leadership

## 2. God Raised Up Saul (1 Samuel 8-15) The Tragedy of Leadership

**A. The Rise of Saul's Leadership (Chapters 8-11)**

**B. The Decline of Saul's Leadership (Chapters 12-15)**

## 3. God Raised Up David (1 Samuel 16-2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 24) The Triumph and Trouble of Leadership

**A. The Rise of David's Leadership (Chapters 16-2 Samuel 10) The Triumph**

### *1. Preparation for leadership (chs 16-31)*

*a. The Leader's Anointing (16)*

*b. The Leader's Ability (17)*

*c. The Leader's Adversary (18-31)*

1) The Leader's Friend (18-20) David is in the royal court

2) The Leader's Enemy (21-31) David is in the wilderness

a) We must Depend on God (21-22)

b) We must Seek God's Face (23:1-13)

c) We must Trust God's Providence (23:14-29)

*d. The Leader's Responses*

1) To our enemies (24-26)

a) Not to retaliate against our superiors (24)

b) Not to seek revenge against our subordinates (25)

c) To show love to our superiors (26)

2) To our crises (27-31) David and Saul are contrasted for the last time

a) How to respond to crises (30)

b) How not to respond to crises (31)

### *2. Execution of Leadership (2 Samuel 1-10)*

*a. David reigns over Judah (1-4)*

1) God exalts those who forgive their enemies (1:1-16)

2) God exalts those who love their enemies (1:1-27)

3) God exalts those who let God exalt them (2-4)

*b. David reigns over all of Israel (5-10)*

**B. The Decline of David's Leadership (Chapters 11-24) The Trouble**