

God Sovereignly Raises Up Leaders

(1st and 2nd Samuel)

Wednesday, April 6th

Matthew 23:12 "Whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased: and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted"

- 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**
- 3. God Raised Up David (1 Samuel 16-2nd 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)**
- 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)

1) God blesses those who worship Him (5-7) (David's spiritual qualification)

- a) David brought the Ark back (6)
- b) David desired to build the Temple (7) The Davidic Covenant
 1. God promised land (7:10-11)
 2. God promised a temple (7:12-13b)
 3. God promised kings (7:13b)
 4. God promised discipline (7:14)
 5. God promised an eternal King (7:16)

2) God blesses those who defeat God's enemies (8) (David's military qualification)

3) God blesses those who love God's people (9-10)

- a) David's kindness received (9)
- b) David's kindness rejected (10)
 - 1) Joab battles the Ammonites (10:6-14)
 - 2) David battles the Syrians (10:15-19)
 - 3) David stops battling (11)

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