

## In Search of a King 1-2 SAMUEL

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- Big picture: *God's saving reign will be mediated by a human king...ultimately King Jesus!*

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- Theme: *God exalts the lowly who trust in Him but will bring low the exalted and mighty who oppose Him*
  - exemplified in the contrast of King Saul and King David
  - 1 Samuel 16ff. – the Lord raising up lowly David and bringing down mighty Saul

Then David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said to Jonathan, "What I have done? What is my iniquity? And what is my sin before your father, that he is seeking my life?"

(1 Samuel 20:1)

### Why these sufferings of David?

1. David is a paradigm of the unjust sufferings of God's people
  - God's Spirit-empowered people endure great hostility and suffering in this world
  - suffering is God's tool of refinement to yield dependence, trust and lasting joy

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  - suffering is the context for many of David's Psalms that were written for God's people (e.g. Psalm 59)

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2. David is a prefiguring of the unjust sufferings of God's Anointed (Jesus)
  - Jesus experienced unjust suffering at the hands of ungodly men
  - Jesus is the ultimate singer of the Psalms – beyond David and us! (e.g. Psalm 22)

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  - Jesus's sufferings were ultimately by the hand of God as our substitute deliverer

<sup>21</sup> For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, <sup>22</sup> WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; <sup>23</sup> and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; <sup>24</sup> and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

(1 Peter 2:21-25)