BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS

Starts on 21st september 21st 9:10 - 9:40 am

CLASS

Part 1: What's the Bible & Why do we view it as God's word?

Fill out an interest sheet

Publicly Identify with Christ in Baptism

Get Baptized on September 14th We are called to repent and believe in Jesus

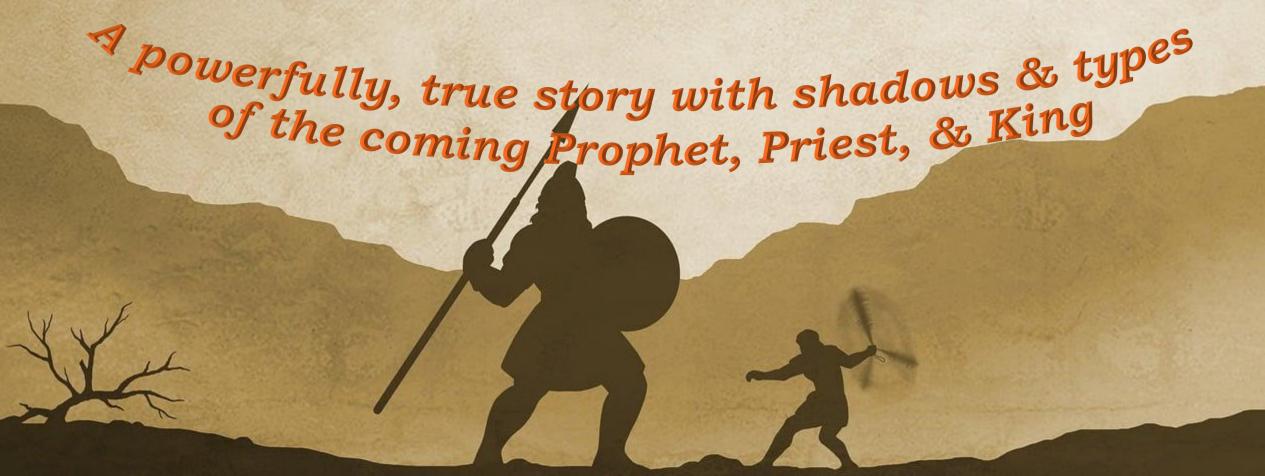
Then, we are called to obey Christ in baptism

Baptism symbolizes being buried in death with Christ &...

Being raised to new life by Jesus' resurrection

1 SANUEL

(Heard by God)



Anger, Bitterness, & Unforgiveness are Doorways to the Demonic

Leading Up to 1 Samuel Chapter 18:5

2091 B.C. – 1399 B.C. – From Abraham's call to Israel's settlement

- 1100 B.C. 1041 B.C. **1 Samuel 1- 14** Samuel is born; Israel & their priests are unfaithful; the ark is stolen & returned; Israel repents... then asks for king; Saul is chosen as first king; Saul defeats Nahash; Samuel transitions power, & God sends lightning and thunder as a sign. Saul sins by presenting an offering when Samuel is late. Jonathan, in faith, initiates a great victory against the Philistines. Saul makes a rash vow.
- 1028 B.C. 1024 B.C. <u>1 Samuel 15 16</u> Saul disobeys God's orders about the Amalekites. David is anointed as king in a small gathering.
 - 1024 B.C. **1 Samuel 17 18:4** 2 kingdoms gather between 2 hills (Valley of Elah). Goliath defies Israel. God gives David an incredible victory over the giant. David & Jonathan become best friends.

1 Samuel 18:5-8 (CSB) 5 David marched out with the army and was successful in everything Saul sent him to do. Saul put him in command of the fighting men, which pleased all the people and Saul's servants as well. ⁶ As the troops were coming back, when David was returning from killing the Philistine, the women came out from all the cities of Israel to meet King Saul, singing and dancing with tambourines, with shouts of joy, and with three-stringed instruments. ⁷ As they danced, the women sang: Saul has killed his thousands, but David his tens of thousands. Saul was furious and resented this song. "They credited tens of thousands to David," he complained, "but they only credited me with thousands. What more can he have but the kingdom?" 9 So Saul watched David jealously from that day forward.

Do you rejoice when God is working mightily through others, or do you become envious?

Samuel 18:10-12 (LSB) ¹⁰ Now it happened on the next day that evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he raved in the midst of the house. Now David was playing *the harp* with his hand, as usual; and a spear *was* in Saul's hand. ¹¹ Then Saul hurled the spear for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David escaped from his presence twice. ¹² And Saul was afraid of David, for Yahweh was with him but had turned away from Saul.

Unchecked anger and bitterness is an open doorway for the demonic. God will not restrain the demonic when we refuse to repent of sinful attitudes.

It was clear that God was working greatly through David, but instead of rejoicing in how God worked through him, Saul rejected the LORD and the LORD turned from him.

Can you see the spiritual danger of giving in to resentment, anger, bitterness, and/ or unforgiveness?

Ephesians 4:26-27 (NKJV) ²⁶ "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷ nor give place to the devil.

Matthew 18:32-35 (NKJV) ³² Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³ Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' ³⁴ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. ³⁵ So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

Are you presently being "tortured"? Or have you released all resentment, bitterness, anger, and/ or unforgiveness?

Buried with Christ in Death and Raised to New Life in Him

Romans 6:1-7 (LSB) 1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? ² May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have become united with *Him* in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; ⁷ for he who has died has been justified from sin.