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I would like to look at the second book of Samuel for our Sunday Morning Bible Study. King Saul and three of his sons have been killed in battle against the Philistines on Mount Gilboa. God has anointed David to succeed him, but Saul’s surviving son is not so quick to give up the throne as his brother Jonathan would have been. A power vacuum arose in Israel. Saul’s only remaining son, Ish-bosheth, tried to hold the throne against David. Second Samuel covers the beginning of the reign of King David of Bethlehem and how he became King of all Israel. It then tells of some of the problems David encountered after he became king.

For the purposes of this study, we will divide 2 Samuel into the following sections: 1. David Becomes King of Judah (1–4) 2. David Becomes King of All Israel (5–10) 3. David’s Sin with Bathsheba Triggers Family Rebellion (11–18) 4. David Is Restored to the Throne and Completes His Reign (19–24) The Book of 2 Samuel traces the blessings and curses Moses pronounced upon Israel in Deuteronomy 27 and 28, as David led the nation as king. We see how sin in family relationships often results in harm which we do not foresee. It also teaches us about the coming Savior, Jesus Christ, the Son of David.

Join us. We may also look at some current societal issues, how to look at them.

Pastor Petrich

***Sunday Lessons and Hymns*** *[Guitar]*

**Sunday Aug. 29th** : Ps. 119:129-136; Deut. 4:1-2,6-9; **Ephesians 6:10-20**; Mark 7:14-23

 **LSB** Pg. 235 Morning Prayer **HYMNS:** # *“Soul’s Celebration”;* #656 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”; #566 “By Grace I’m Saved”; #668 “Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You”; *“God Is So Good”;* #664 “Fight the Good Fight”

**Sunday Sept. 5th** Psalm 146; Isaiah 35:4-7a; James 2:1-10, 14-18; Mark 7:31-37

**Sunday Sept. 12th:**Psalm 116:1-9; Isaiah 50:4-10; James 3:1-12; **Mark 9:14-29**

 **LSB** Pg. 184 DS#3 **HYMNS:** #846 “Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”; #545 “Word of Love, Come Down on Earth”; #849 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” DISTR: #611 “Chief of Sinners”; #528 “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” #554 “O Jesus, King Most …”

**Sunday Sept. 19th**: Psalm 54; Jeremiah 11:18-20; **James 3:13-4:10**; Mark 9:30-37

 **LSB** Pg. 151 DS#1 **HYMNS**: #901 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”; #845 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”;#706 “Love in Christ I Strong and Living”; DISTR: #842 “Son of God Eternal Savior”; #605 “Father Welcomes”; #851 “Lord of Glory, You have Bought Us”

**Song for Aug. 29th : “Soul’s Celebration”**

**Ref: God is my strength, He is my salvation. God’s strong right hand has done mighty things. God is so great, my soul’s celebration. God gives me words and make my heart sing. [Alleluia, alleluia.] [4Xs]**

1. Evil surrounds me all my days; enemies threaten my life. God knows my needs and well provides victory conquering strife. REF:
2. Thanks to the Lord for He is good; His light shines brightly on me. This is the day the Lord has made. Be glad! Rejoice thankfully! REF:

**“God Is So Good”**

1. God is so good. {3X’s} He’s so good to me. 2. He cares for me. {3X’s} He’s so good to me.
2. I’ll do His will. {3X’s} He’s so good to me. 4. He loves me so. {3X’s} He’s so good to me.
3. He answers prayer. {3X’s} He’s so good to me.