

1 Samuel 11- the first test of the king

V. 1-6 Satan attacks us, seeking our surrender

- wants us to serve him and will intimidate us into giving in
- wants to humiliate us- bring reproach to the Body
- wants to take away our ability to effectively fight against him
- wants to blind us, if not totally at least partially

v.6 the Spirit of the Lord came upon Samuel- not to entertain or thrill but to equip  
*Act 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

v.7 the fear of the Lord fell upon the people

- they came out with one consent- literally as one man

*Psa 111:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.*

*Pro 9:10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*

*Pro 14:26-27 In the fear of the LORD there is strong confidence, And His children will have a place of refuge. (27) The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, To turn one away from the snares of death.*

*Pro 15:33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, And before honor is humility.*

*Pro 16:6 In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the LORD one departs from evil.*

*Pro 19:23 The fear of the LORD leads to life, And he who has it will abide in satisfaction; He will not be visited with evil.*

*Pro 23:17 Do not let your heart envy sinners, But be zealous for the fear of the LORD all the day;*

v.13 the Lord has accomplished salvation

v.14 go to Gilgal to renew the kingdom- God's Kingdom was there all along but things change

- see Joshua 4:19

- 5:8 circumcision- new men, new heart

- 5:10 Passover- remember the cross

Psalm 34

v.1 I will bless at all times- good, bad, up, down

- continually

v.2 Boast is in the Lord- they had cried that David had slain tens of thousands but his boast was not in what he had done but in the Lord

- when the humble hears this they are glad

v.3 one of the reasons for praise is to draw others in

v.4 sought the Lord

- *(Luke 11:9-10 NKJV) "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. {10} "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.*

- *(1 Chr 28:9-10 NKJV) "As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off*

*forever. {10} "Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it."*

*- (Jer 29:12-14 NKJV) Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. {13} And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. {14} I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity; I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you to the place from which I cause you to be carried away captive.*

v.6 saved out of all his troubles

v.7 angel encamps around- see 2 Kings 6

v.8 taste and see- it is not just the knowledge of God but the experience of God

**v.9 fear the Lord, not the world**

v.9-10 the Lord withholds no good thing from us

*- (Mat 6:33-34 NKJV) "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. {34} "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.*

v.11 the result in David's life was a desire to share the things of the Lord with others

v.12 Who is the man ? He who keeps the law

v.13-15 depart from evil and do good- two fold

*- seek peace , pursue it (Heb 12:14-15 NKJV) Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: {15} looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;*

v.15 The Lord is waiting, watching and listening

v.18 broken and crushed spirit

v.19 the trials will be there, the battles will be there

*(2 Tim 3:12 NKJV) Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.*

*(1 Pet 4:12-13 NKJV) Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; {13} but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.*

*(1 Pet 1:6-7 NKJV) In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, {7} that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,*

*Act 9:31 Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.*