

Daily Readings

Monday, 10/16: The Ark of God Captured
1 Samuel 4: 1 - 11

- What do you think of the irony that the presence of the Ark led the Philistines to fight hard and devastate the Israelites?

Tuesday, 10/17: Philistines and the Ark
1 Samuel 5: 1 - 12

- What does this reading say to you about the power of the presence of God in a physical item?

Wednesday, 10/18: The Ark Returned
1 Samuel 6: 1 - 16

- What would this story look like if it were told in today's context? What would the guilt offerings be?

Thursday, 10/19: Israel Demands a King
1 Samuel 8: 1 - 18

- Do you have an experience like this of “you get exactly what you ask for”?

Friday, 10/20: Samuel Anoints Saul as King
1 Samuel 9: 27 - 10: 8

- The Lord did not desire Israel to have a king, but did anoint the king. Why do you think the Lord anointed what humans chose out of fear?

Saturday, 10/21: Saul Rejected as King
1 Samuel 15: 10 - 34

- Consider the phrase, “to obey is better than sacrifice.” Is intention better than action? Are those ideas related?

Next week: 1 Samuel 16: 1 - 13