

Wild Places Kid Studies

Week 3: Adullam

Memory Verse: "...for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Sam. 16:7

Many years after Joseph and Moses, God's people wanted a king. God had Samuel anoint Saul as Israel's first king, however Saul did not follow God. God called Samuel to go to Bethlehem and anoint a new king.

[1 Samuel 16]

When Samuel was sent to anoint a new king, he was looking for someone kind of like Saul. Saul was a tall, good-looking, athletic built man. Samuel arrived at Jesse the Bethlehemite's house he saw 7 of Jesse's sons. Saul thought several of the boys looked like a king, but God said "no!"

Then Samuel asked, "Are these all the children?" v.11

Jesse said he had one more son, but he was the youngest and out tending his sheep. Samuel asked to see him, and the Lord said "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." V.12 David was the youngest, the least important son, but God saw his heart and made him the next King.

Saul was jealous of this new future king and tried to kill David or have him killed. Even after David saved Saul's army by defeating Goliath, Saul hated him and tried to kill him.

David fled and found a cave to hide in. The cave was Adullam. In this cave David was alone and afraid and he wrote Psalm 142. In this Psalm he cries out to God and declares his troubles to Him. He asks God to help him.

God hears David's prayers and sends him his family and many other people who were also poor, lonely, and oppressed. In this cave God answered David's prayers because He saw his heart. The men from the cave later became known as David's Mighty Men.

Just like the wilderness for God's people...God met with David in a cave. He took him there to meet with him and prepare his heart. There God sent him the men he would need to rule Israel and an army.

God was taking care of David the whole time because his heart was for God.

Do you feel like God is taking care of you?

Do you share your cares, worries, and troubles with God?

Why do you think God brought David to the cave?

What has God taught you in these last few months?

Has HE provided for your needs?

