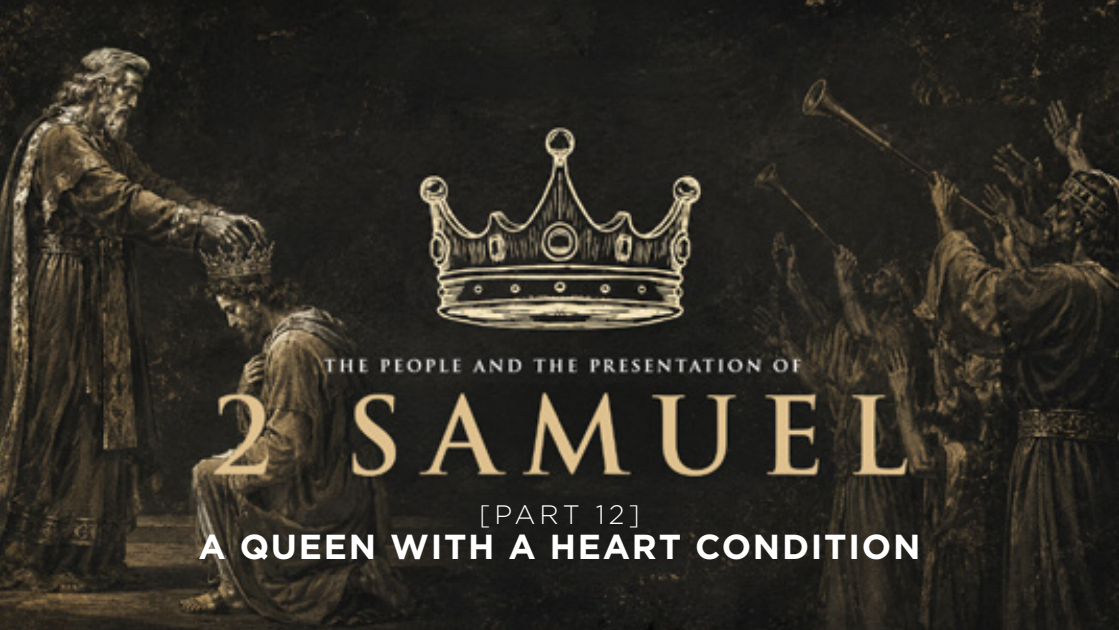




THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESENTATION OF

2 SAMUEL

[PART 12]

A QUEEN WITH A HEART CONDITION

Reading: 2 Samuel 6:14 - 23

Introduction

- Almighty God is the chief character of 2 Samuel.
- David is the secondary figure mentioned 285 times.
- A host of other characters orbit around him.
- One of them is a woman called '*Michal*.'

1 Hello To Michal

- Mentioned just 18 times, her name means, '*who is like God?*'
- First mentioned in [1 Samuel 14:29].
- Daughter to king Saul, therefore a princess.
- Siblings include a sister (Merab) and a brother (Jonathan).
- She fell in love with the giant slayer.
- She defended David from her father's murderous intentions.
- With David on the run it was years before she saw David again.
- [1 Samuel 25:44] Saul gave her to another man.
- Her fathers and brothers are all killed the same day.
- [2 Samuel 3:15/16] David reclaims her as his wife and queen.
- Sadly Michal's story doesn't end well.

2 Michal Was Bitter, Not Better

- Life had dealt Michal a '*bad hand*': Have you been dealt a bad hand?
- We can't control what life throws at us but we can control our response to it.
- We need to determine we are going to be better and not bitter.
- Forget what lies behind and reach forward to what's before us.

3 Healthcare For The Eyes

- [vs 16]. David is celebrating the return of the ark and he's dancing before the Lord.
- Michal observes him through a palace window and '*despises*' him.
- **Definition:** '*to dislike someone intensely having no respect for them.*'
- Consider Jesus' teaching of '*eye care*' in [Matthew 7:3 - 5].
- Check your own eye sight before you attempt to correct someone else's.

4 Michal's Problem Was Her Heart

- [Vs 16] "*She despised David in her heart.*"
- The heart is the centre of our affections. The factory of our motives and desires.
- Consider [Jeremiah 17:9] & [Mark 7:21/22].
- How's your heart?
- Consider [1 Samuel 16:7], [Psalm 51:10] and [Matthew 5:8].

5 Michal Ended A Barren Life

- [Vs 23]. Commentators believe David made her live apart from him.
- She never gave David an heir.
- **NB.** We can often be barren spiritually because of a wrong attitude.
- The fruit of the spirit can be missing. [Galatians 5:22/23].

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