

# THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF 1 SAMUEL

[PART 38]

## SAUL - DOCTOR JEKYLL AND MR HYDE

*Reading: 1 Samuel 19: 1 - 7*

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### Introduction

- In 1886 Robert L. Stevenson wrote the book, '*The Strange Case Of Dr Jeekyll and Mr Hyde*'.
- One person with opposite and conflicting natures.
- One amicable and kind, the other a fiend and a monster.
- Israel's first king is the OT Doctor Jeekyll & Mr Hyde.

### 1 Saul As Doctor Jeekyll

- Saul appeared to be godly and in step with God.
- Consider [1 Samuel 15:13], [15:15], [15:30], [18:10] and [18:17].
- He certainly talked the talk....but did he walk the walk?

### 2 Saul As Mr. Hyde

- David did Saul and all Israel a huge favour by killing Goliath.
- Yet Saul is '*angry*' [18:8] with David and suspicious [18:9].
- [18:10/11] Saul tries to kill David with a spear.
- He hopes the Philistines will kill him. [18:17].
- There is no love for David in Saul's heart.
- In [19:1] what was in Saul's heart, he now shares with others.
- In [19:6] Saul promises he will not kill David but soon reneges on his promise.

### 3 Are You Doctor Jeckyll Or Mr Hyde?

- This narrative of 1 Samuel focuses on how we treat other Christians.
- What is the hallmark of authentic Christianity?
- Consider [Matthew 5:21], [Matthew 7:12], [John 13:34/35], [Luke 6:31], [1 John 3:14], [1 John 4:7/8], [4:11], [4:20/21] and [Ephesians 4:32], [1 Corinthians 13:4/5].
- The church is not where the Mr Hyde's ought to be residing.
- How'd we do if Jesus treated us the same way we'd treated some child of God?
- Today's church does not have enough love for its own never mind those outside the church.
- We need to stand afresh at the foot of the cross and be baptised again with the love that held Christ there.
- Are you a Doctor Jeckyll or a Mr Hyde?
- ***'Create in me a clean heart and renew a right spirit within me.'***

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