

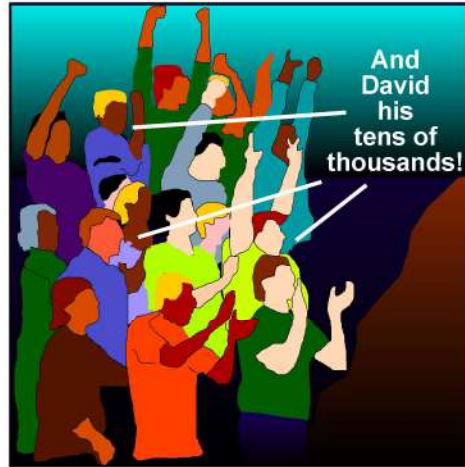
Saul

When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lutes. As they danced they sang:

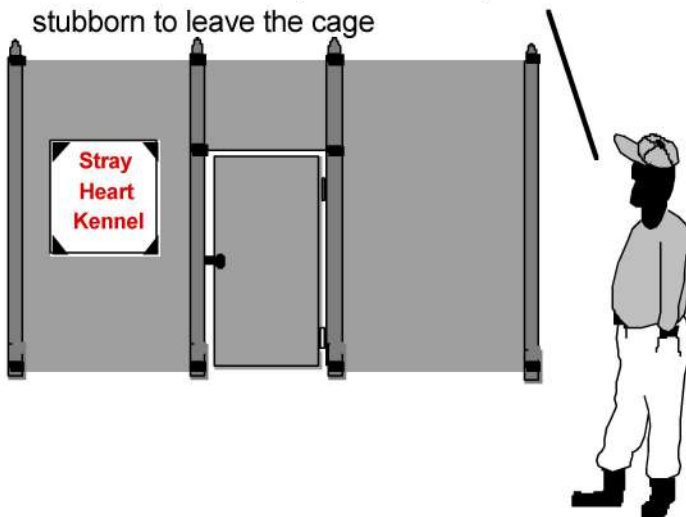
“Saul has slain his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands.”

Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. “They have credited David with tens of thousands,” he thought, “but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?” And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

1 Samuel 18:6-9



We pick up a lot of strays here. Sad thing is, God would claim them all, but some are just too stubborn to leave the cage



What happened to Saul? Saul went from being a man who hid from attention to a man who demanded attention. He went from willingly standing in the back of the crowd to forcing his way to the front of the crowd. He went from being a servant king to a king with servants. What happened? Saul proved himself to be a great leader but a sense of insecurity crept into his life. His trust in God was replaced by his distrust of those around him. Popularity became more important than obedience. His heart strayed from God. Eventually God rejected Saul as king. What did God desire in a king, and what does God desire in us? A heart that's true to His will.

"After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'" Acts 13:22