

God Has A University

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God has a university. It's a small school. Few enroll; even fewer graduate. Very, very few indeed.

God has this school because he does not have broken men and women. Instead, he has several other types of people. He has people who claim to have God's authority . . . and don't—people who claim to be broken . . . and aren't. And people who *do have* God's authority, but who are mad *and* unbroken. And he has, regretfully, a great mixture of everything in between. All of these he has in abundance, but broken men and women, hardly at all.

In God's sacred school of submission and brokenness, why are there so few students? Because all students in this school must suffer much pain. And as you might guess, it is often the unbroken ruler (whom God sovereignly picks) who metes out the pain. David was once a student in this school, and Saul was God's chosen way to crush David.

As the king grew in madness, David grew in understanding. He knew that God had placed him in the king's palace under true authority.

The authority of King Saul was *true*? Yes, God's chosen authority. *Chosen for David*. Unbroken authority, yes. But divine in ordination, nonetheless.

(A Tale of Three Kings by Gene Edwards, Carol Stream, Illinois: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., Kindle, 1992 [1980], Page 22 of 82)