

# Give Us a King!

## Part 6 1 Samuel 8:1-18

Many People are painfully aware that things would be far better in their lives if they had made wiser decisions. It is especially frustrating to realize what they are going through now is the result of one poor decision in our lives. This is such a time in the life of Israel. Probably some twenty to twenty-five years have gone by between the events recorded in chapter seven and those recorded in chapter eight.

### When You Get What YOU Want You May NOT Want What You Got!

#### 1. Be Careful of Making \_\_\_\_\_ to try to Justify Your Position! (1-5)

*As Samuel grew old, he appointed his sons to be judges over Israel. <sup>2</sup> Joel and Abijah, his oldest sons, held court in Beersheba. <sup>3</sup> But they were not like their father, for they were greedy for money. They accepted bribes and perverted justice. <sup>4</sup> Finally, all the elders of Israel met at Ramah to discuss the matter with Samuel. <sup>5</sup> "Look," they told him, "you are now old, and your sons are not like you. Give us a king to judge us like all the other nations have."* 1 Samuel 8:1-5

##### Three Types of Excuses

Denial

Blame

Rationalizing

#### 2. We Are NOT To Be Like The \_\_\_\_\_ ! (5b)

*Give us a king to judge us like all the other nations have.* 1 Samuel 8:5

*<sup>15</sup> Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.* 1 John 2:15

When we leave God out of the equation we will get **Bad** Results!

Israel was not set-up Biblically for a king because Jehovah was her KING!

#### 3. When We Feel Unloved and Unappreciated \_\_\_\_\_ (6)

*<sup>6</sup> Samuel was displeased with their request and went to the LORD for guidance. <sup>7</sup> "Do everything they say to you," the LORD replied, "**for they are rejecting Me, not you. They don't want Me to be their king any longer.** <sup>8</sup> Ever since I brought them from Egypt they have continually abandoned Me and followed other gods. And now they are giving you the same treatment. <sup>9</sup> Do as they ask, but solemnly warn them about the way a king will reign over them."* 1 Samuel 8:6-9

"Displeased" carries the idea of "seeing evil in the matter"

Prayer is better than arguing!

*<sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. <sup>7</sup> Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:6-7*

Prayer helped Samuel in several ways.....

First, it provided God's guidance on how to respond to the Elder's request.

Secondly, it gave encouragement to Samuel in his service.

Thirdly, it helped Samuel see the bigger picture—rebellion.

#### 4. When God Gives Us What We Ask For (vv. 10-22)

*10 So Samuel passed on the LORD's warning to the people who were asking him for a king. 11 "This is how a king will reign over you," Samuel said. "The king will draft your sons and assign them to his chariots and his charioteers, making them run before his chariots. 12 Some will be generals and captains in his army, some will be forced to plow in his fields and harvest his crops, and some will make his weapons and chariot equipment. 13 The king will take your daughters from you and force them to cook and bake and make perfumes for him. 14 He will take away the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his own officials. 15 He will take a tenth of your grain and your grape harvest and distribute it among his officers and attendants. 16 He will take your male and female slaves and demand the finest of your cattle and donkeys for his own use. 17 He will demand a tenth of your flocks, and you will be his slaves. 18 When that day comes, you will beg for relief from this king you are demanding, but then the LORD will not help you." 19 But the people refused to listen to Samuel's warning. "Even so, we still want a king," they said. 20 "We want to be like the nations around us. Our king will judge us and lead us into battle." 21 So Samuel repeated to the LORD what the people had said, 22 and the LORD replied, "Do as they say, and give them a king." Then Samuel agreed and sent the people home. 1 Samuel 8:10-22*

When we get away from God we tend to forget the past blessings!

When we get away from God we quit listening to His messengers!

When we get away from God we can make unreasonable decisions.

When we get away from God we suffer the consequences—sometimes \_\_\_\_\_!



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