



I Samuel

Part #9 –

Israel desires a King

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Introduction

Key Scriptures

- And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, *then* put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. – 1 Samuel 7:3
- Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only. – 1 Samuel 7:4
- And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD. – 1 Samuel 7:5



Introduction – Cont'd

Key Scriptures

- And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured *it* out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh. – 1 Samuel 7:6
- And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines. – 1 Samuel 7:8
- And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered *it for* a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD heard him. – 1 Samuel 7:9
- Then Samuel took a stone, and set *it* between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us. – 1 Samuel 7:12



Introduction – Cont'd

Key Scriptures

- And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. – 1 Samuel 8:1
- And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment. – 1 Samuel 8:3
- Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. – 1 Samuel 8:4,5



Introduction – Cont'd

Key Scriptures

- And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. – 1 Samuel 8:7
- According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. – 1 Samuel 8:8
- Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them. – 1 Samuel 8:9



Keys

- The death of 50,070 sparks fear
- The situation is ripe for revival
- The point of place becomes the place of revival and victory
- The history repeats itself in Samuel's children
- We want what our neighbors have - The nation rebels against God's leadership
- The Lord meticulously explains they nature their choice for a King



In this lesson

Be careful what you ask for...you just might get it!

- Return to God - After the death of 50,070 people
- Revival - Successive steps that must be taken
- Restoration – The cities taken were restored
- Reign over us...someone? – But not you, LORD!



Return to God

And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjathjearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD. - 1 Samuel 7:2

After the death of 50,070 people for looking into the ark

If ye return unto the LORD with all your hearts – then do this...

- Put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you
- Prepare your hearts unto the LORD
- Serve Him only
- He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.



Revival

Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only. And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD. - 1 Samuel 7:4,5

Successive steps that must be taken if revival is to be granted.

- *Unity* – 1 Samuel 7:5
- *Confession* – 1 Samuel 7:6
- *The abandonment of false gods* – 1 Samuel 7:4
- *Intercessory prayer* – 1 Samuel 7:8
- *Full surrender* – 1 Samuel 7:9,10



Restoration

And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites. - 1 Samuel 7:14

The Lord receives their prayer and fights on their behalf

- Immediate evidence that God had accepted them – 1 Samuel 7:10
- Natural phenomena fought on their behalf – 1 Samuel 7:10
- The very spot which had been the scene of great defeat became the spot of triumphant victory – Compare 1 Samuel 4:1-11 & 1 Samuel 7:12-13



Restoration – Cont'd

A great encouragement for us

- Although we may have probably experience defeat at certain spots of our life-experience; these very spots can be places of victory and triumph when the barriers which have served as a breach to God's help are removed.



Reign over us...someone?

And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. – 1 Samuel 8:5

Are all the kids called too?

- Samuel's devotion did not rob off on his kids. Can transfer anointing, but consecration is a different matter...depends on the individual?
- The repeat what Eli's kids did in their shoes
- The Elders rise to oppose what they see, but they go to the other side in search of a remedy – Give us a king to judge us – 1 Samuel 8:6
- Their complaint was an open rejection of God, that He should not reign over them.



Reign over us...someone? – Cont'd

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Reign over us someone, but...eh...we don't want God!

- Samuel was to protest their decision for a king other than the LORD solemnly
- Samuel was to show them the type and nature of the king and his reign over them
- He will take your sons as his subjects
- He will cause them to till the land and reap his harvest
- He will take your daughters to be perfumers, ointment makers, cooks and bakers



Reign over us...someone? – Cont'd

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God tells Samuel to listen to their voice

- He will take 10% of your seeds and vineyards and give them to his officers as gifts
- He will take your choice servants and choice goods as his own and will put them to work
- He will enslave you
- You will end up crying for relief because of whom you have chosen, and I will not hear your cry
- I have warned you, but you have hardened your necks – 1 Samuel 8:19
- **It looks greener on your neighbor's lawn, but is it?** – 1 Samuel 8:20-22



Summary

The willful disregard for the ways of the LORD has a detrimental effect on the community of people who are watching from a distance.

We will experience the same power of revival if we will turn to the LORD with all our heart.



Next Week

We will continue next week – Still in the book of 1 Samuel – King Saul