

The God of David

Israel Rejects God as their King

1 Samuel 7-10

Lesson 3

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Purpose of 1&2 Samuel

- ▶ Tracking the Promise
- ▶ Revealing Christ and the plan of God
- ▶ Revealing the human condition
- ▶ Samuel's contribution:
 - Christ the King (1 Samuel 2)
 - The king will be from David's family (2 Samuel 7)

Theological Context

- ▶ Seed Promise (Genesis 3:15)
- ▶ Promise in the days of Noah (Genesis 9)
- ▶ Promise in the days of Abraham (Genesis 12)
- ▶ Promise in the days of Moses (Law of Moses)

Historical Context

- ▶ Great Nation – redeemed and planted
- ▶ Anarchy of the era of the judges (Judges 21:25)
- ▶ Hannah's hope – Christ the King
- ▶ The state of the nation
 - Rejection of Eli and sons
 - Rejection of Shiloh
 - Ephraim (since Joshua)
 - Tabernacle and Ark
 - Shiloh destroyed; Ark at Kiriath-jearim

20 Silent Years

- ▶ No center of worship
- ▶ No High Priest
- ▶ Philistine threat
- ▶ Idolatry
- ▶ No word from Samuel

Israel lamented after the LORD

- ▶ Sovereign grace
- ▶ Lamentation – “long for” or “began to follow”
- ▶ Samson removed – Philistines a threat again
- ▶ Samuel – ready for this moment

Samuel Judges Israel

- ▶ The Tabernacle – the Ark – the high places
- ▶ Ark @ Kiriath-jearim
- ▶ Tabernacle @ Nob (21:1) or @ Gibeon (2 Chron. 1:3)
- ▶ Worship at the high places (1 Kings 3:2)
 - Disapproved: 1 Kings 12:31; 14:23; 15:14; 22:43
 - Used by Samuel: 1 Samuel 9:11-24; 10:5
- ▶ Samuel (3:19-4:1) – prepared

Israel lamented after the LORD

- ▶ Return with all your heart
 - The center of spiritual activity and all the operations of human life.
 - Heart is deceitful and desperately wicked (Jeremiah 17:9)
 - Great Commandment (Deut. 6:5)
 - LORD will circumcise your heart . . . that you may live (Deut. 30:6)
- ▶ Put away foreign gods and Ashtaroth
- ▶ Direct your heart to the LORD and serve Him only
- ▶ Promise: deliverance from Philistines

National Convocation at Mizpah

- ▶ Prayer of Samuel
- ▶ Humbling before the LORD
- ▶ Real threat from Philistines
- ▶ Whole burnt offering to the LORD
- ▶ Prayer of Samuel

Philistines routed before Israel

- ▶ The hand of the Philistines
- ▶ The hand of the LORD
- ▶ Ebenezer – Stone of help
- ▶ Blessing of the LORD
 - Peace
 - Righteous judgment of Samuel
 - Hybrid system – no true worship
 - Passover: 2 Chronicles 35:18 (days of Josiah); 2 Kings 21:21-23
- ▶ 5 years

Israel rejects God as King

- ▶ Deuteronomy 16:18-17:20 – king predicted
- ▶ The perceived need:
 - Inadequate succession for judge– e.g. Samuel's sons (8:2-5)
 - Desire for a national government (implied)
 - Need for military leadership (8:20)
 - Desire to be like the nations (8:5, 20; Deuteronomy 17:14)
 - Rejection of God as their King (8:7) – God looks on the heart!
- ▶ Political means for spiritual end – manage the heart

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- ▶ Samuel prayed (8:6)
- ▶ God gives a warning about the king (8:10-18)
 - Servitude (servants, soldiers), taxes
 - Oppression – you will cry out because of your king – LORD will not hear
- ▶ Did God want them to have a king?
 - Human king will not sanctify and bless
 - David is blessing as the father of the King of Kings
- ▶ Permission without blessing (8:8-9, 19-22)

Saul is chosen by the LORD

- ▶ Ignorant spiritually
- ▶ Ignorant of the Law
- ▶ Incompetent shepherd
- ▶ “He shall restrain *My people*” (9:17)
- ▶ “*My people*” (9:17 and 10:1)

Saul is anointed

- ▶ An answer and a surprise (9:20)
- ▶ Anointing
- ▶ Signs for Saul (10:1b-8)
 - 2 men – confirm word of Samuel about donkeys
 - 3 men with 3 loaves and skin of wine – provide for worship
 - Group of prophets – prophesying – spiritual role
- ▶ Another heart (10:9-10)
 - Spirit of God on Him
 - Prophesied

Presentation to the Nation

- ▶ Condemnation for rejecting God (10:18-19)
- ▶ Casting lots
 - Proverbs 16:33 – decision is of the LORD
 - Achan (Joshua 7:16-18) - chosen for wrath
 - Approval by the people based on appearance only
- ▶ Samuel teaches the people and Saul
 - Instructions for the king (Deuteronomy 17)
 - The book – centerpiece of monarchy

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- ▶ The heart of the matter
- ▶ Rejecting God
- ▶ The danger of answered prayer