**Give Us a King!**

1 Samuel 8:1-22

**1 Samuel 8:19 (ESV)**But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But there shall be a king over us,

**1 Samuel 8:20 (ESV)**that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

**1 Samuel 8:21 (ESV)**And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord.

**1 Samuel 8:22 (ESV)**And the Lord said to Samuel, “Obey their voice and make them a king.” Samuel then said to the men of Israel, “Go every man to his city.”

**[HISTORY GRAPHIC]**

**1 Samuel 8:1 (ESV)**When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel.

**1 Samuel 8:2 (ESV)**The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba.

**1 Samuel 8:3 (ESV)**Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.

**[STORY GRAPHIC]**

1. **Israel Demands a King.**

**1 Samuel 8:4 (ESV)**Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah

**1 Samuel 8:5 (ESV)**and said to him, “Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations.”

**1 Samuel 8:6 (ESV)**But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the Lord.

**1 Samuel 8:7 (ESV)**And the Lord said to Samuel, “Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them.

**1 Samuel 8:8 (ESV)**According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking Me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you.

**1 Samuel 8:9 (ESV)**Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

1. **God Warns against a King.**

**1 Samuel 8:10 (ESV)**So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking for a king from him.

**1 Samuel 8:11 (ESV)**He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots.

**1 Samuel 8:12 (ESV)**And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots.

**1 Samuel 8:13 (ESV)**He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers.

**1 Samuel 8:14 (ESV)**He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants.

**1 Samuel 8:15 (ESV)**He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants.

**1 Samuel 8:16 (ESV)**He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work.

**1 Samuel 8:17 (ESV)**He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves.

**1 Samuel 8:18 (ESV)**And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

1. **Israel Insists on a King.**

**1 Samuel 8:19 (ESV)**But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But there shall be a king over us,

**1 Samuel 8:20 (ESV)**that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

1. **God Allows a King.**

**1 Samuel 8:21 (ESV)**And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord.

**1 Samuel 8:22 (ESV)**And the Lord said to Samuel, “Obey their voice and make them a king.” Samuel then said to the men of Israel, “Go every man to his city.”

**[CONNECTION GRAPHIC]**

**God governs all human events.**

**Daniel 4:35 (ESV)**All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and He does according to His will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay His hand or say to Him, “What have You done?”

**Our sinful choices do not frustrate the plans of God.**

**Psalm 33:10-11 (ESV)**The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations.

**God guides all events for His glory and for our good.**

**Ephesians 1:11 (ESV)**In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will …

**Romans 8:28 (ESV)**And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

**God graciously blesses, even when we miss His best.**

**1 Samuel 9:16 (ESV)**Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over My people Israel. He shall save My people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have seen My people, because their cry has come to Me.

**[CHRIST GRAPHIC]**

**Genesis 17:6 (ESV)**I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you.

**Genesis 49:10 (ESV)**The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to Him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

**Acts 13:21 (ESV)**Then they asked for a king, and God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years.

**Acts 13:22 (ESV)**And when He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, of whom He testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after My heart, who will do all My will.’

**Acts 13:23 (ESV)**Of this man’s offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as He promised.