



# Long Live the King (Samuel)

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## 1. The Israelites \_\_\_\_\_ a king

- In reality, they are \_\_\_\_\_ as their king
- God \_\_\_\_\_ to their \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> 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 NLT

<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 NLT

## 2. God \_\_\_\_\_ about having a king

- He will \_\_\_\_\_
- When they want \_\_\_\_\_, God \_\_\_\_\_ them

## 3. Even so... they \_\_\_\_\_ a king

- To be like the \_\_\_\_\_
- To lead them into \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>19</sup> But the people refused to listen to Samuel's warning. "Even so, we still want a king," they said. <sup>20</sup> "We want to be like the nations around us. Our king will judge us and lead us into battle." <sup>21</sup> So Samuel repeated to the LORD what the people had said, <sup>22</sup> and the LORD replied, "Do as they say, and give them a king." Then Samuel agreed and sent the people home.

1 Samuel 8: 19-22 NLT

<sup>14</sup> "You are about to enter the land the LORD your God is giving you. When you take it over and settle there, you may think, 'We should select a king to rule over us like the other nations around us.' <sup>15</sup> If this happens, be sure to select as king the man the LORD your God chooses. You must appoint a fellow Israelite; he may not be a foreigner.

Deuteronomy 17:14-15 NLT

### Next Steps:

- Commit to look to God for my provision and future and not to people or other things
- Evaluate my ambitions and desires to see if I am looking to worldly things for my fulfillment
- Trust God and commit to his will for things in my life, being patient for God's timing
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