

FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

CHAPTER 8:1-22

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"Living Life The Hard Way" – Part 2

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INTRODUCTION *to the text* *I Samuel 8:1-22*

The Example of Samuel, The Man of God

We Know That His Example Was Godly...

Verse 3

"But his sons did not walk in his ways"

The Importance of a Father's Example

There are Two Important Lessons We're Learning Here;

1. God Has no Grandchildren
2. Teen Rebellion Often is an Indication of Personal Accountability

Deuteronomy 6:5-8

"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. 6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

Proverbs 22:5-6

The rebel walks a thorny, treacherous road; the man who values his soul will stay away. **6 Teach a child to choose the right path, and when he is older, he will remain upon it.**

The Contrast is;

Living Life the Right Way As a Christian, As a Family and as a Father and Mother

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1.) Begins at Home

vv. 1-3

But his sons did not walk in his ways; but they turned aside

It Begins at Home

a.) God was in the house of Samuel

PARENTS

There is a time when after all you've done to raise your child up in the Lord – they refuse!

b.) God was in the Heart of Samuel

c.) God was in Their Thoughts

BUT They Threw the Thought of God OFF From Them

Romans 1:28

For they did not like to retain God in their knowledge,
God gave them over to a debased mind,

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2.) Spreads Among the Community

vv. 4-5

a.) The Leaders become Corrupt

Verse 4

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together
and came to Samuel at Ramah,

**The Elders Began to Seek After a
Man-Made Solution**

They Had Lost the Vision of God

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people (the family) perish:

A "Failure" to Include God in every aspect of Our Daily Lives

Spreads Among the Community

b.) The Nation becomes Corrupt

Verse 5

and they said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. **Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.**"

Their Excuse Was...

#1 – You're Old Samuel

#2 – You're Sons are Jerks

"Make Us a King"

what a strange request

The Sons Affected The Community

And The Community was about to Affect The Nation

Psalm 106:15

And He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul.

Be careful about what you demand from God

"like all the nations."

THE FAMILY – THE CHURCH

SHOULDN'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE THE WORLD

"like all the nations."

1. The Way of the **World** is a World without God

2. The Way of the World is a **Nation** without God

3. The Way of the World is a **Family** without God

"like all the nations."

The Separation of Church and State

The state shall do nothing to impede or hinder the activity of the church

Article I

The bill of rights

"Congress shall make no law respecting (interfering) an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

"well the church ought to stay out of government affairs"
then lets be fair and see to it that the government stays out of the church's affairs"

unlike all the other nations

Who see the worship of God as a Threat

Remove God - The Decline of America

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3.) Separates you from God

vv. 6-18

a.) They Wanted a Remedy

Verse 6-7

But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." So Samuel prayed to the LORD. 7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them."

**We Need to Recognize
what these people are Asking**

"Listen Samuel - We've heard about our history. We've heard the stories. We've seen the sites - - History means nothing to us, it's our Future that we're concerned about!!!

Isaiah 5:20

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Compromising

Their future, their children, their nation

At Israel's Rejection *and Moments Before The Cross*

Luke 23:28

Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."

As The Nation went, so went the Family

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Separates you from God

b.) *God Knows the Heart*

Verse 8-9

8 "According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day-- with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods-- **so they are doing to you also.** 9 "Now therefore, heed their voice. However, **you shall solemnly forewarn them, and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them."**

God Knows The Heart of Man

"To know me is to love me"

Jeremiah 17:9-10

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? 10 I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings."

WE REALLY CANNOT KNOW OURSELVES

WE DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW WE WILL REACT OR DECIDE ON A CERTAIN ISSUE

Psalm 139:1-6

O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; you understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O LORD, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.

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Separates you from God

c.) Rejection of God Bankrupts a People

Verse 10-18

10 So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who asked him for a king. 11 And he said, "This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: (1) **He will take** your sons and appoint them for his own chariots and to be his horsemen, and some will run before his chariots. 12 (2) **"He will appoint** captains over his thousands and captains over his fifties, (3) **He will set** some to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and some to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. 13 (4) **"He will take** your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers. 14 "And (5) **he will take** the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and give them to his servants. 15 (6) **"He will take** a tenth of your grain and your vintage, and give it to his officers and servants. 16 "And (7) **he will take** your male servants, your female servants, your finest young men, and your donkeys, and put them to his work. 17 (8) **"He will take** a tenth of your sheep. (9) **And you will be his servants.** 18 "And (10) **he's going to make you cry** - - you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, **and the LORD will not hear you in that day."**

Isaiah 59:1-2

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

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4.) *Conforms you to the way of the world* vv. 18-22

19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No, but we will have a king over us, 20 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." 21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the hearing of the LORD. 22 So the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed their voice, and make them a king." And Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Every man go to his city."

A Theocratic Rule

Is what God desired. He desires that for ALL nations, families and peoples

...so that they might be blessed of God

Isaiah 2:3-4

Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; he will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. 4 He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Living Life The Hard Way

Conforms you to the way of the world

a.) By Settling for Less

Verse 19-20

Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No, but we will have a king over us , 20 that we also may be like all the nations, - "No, but we will have a king over us

The Emptiness of the Idols That Men Make

Isaiah 44:14-17

14 He cuts down cedars for himself, and takes the cypress and the oak; he secures it for himself among the trees of the forest. He plants a pine, and the rain nourishes it. 15 Then it shall be for a man to burn, for he will take some of it and warm himself; yes, he kindles it and bakes bread; indeed he makes a god and worships it; he makes it a carved image, and falls down to it. 16 He burns half of it in the fire; with this half he eats meat; he roasts a roast, and is satisfied. He even warms himself and says, "Ah! I am warm, I have seen the fire." 17 And the rest of it he makes into a god, his carved image. He falls down before it and worships it, prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god!"

Hosea 13:9-11

"O Israel, you are destroyed, but your help is from Me. 10 I will be your King; where is any other, that he may save you in all your cities? And your judges to whom you said, 'Give me a king and princes'? 11 I gave you a king in My anger, and took him away in My wrath.

THE OTHER NATIONS NEEDED A KING

BECAUSE THEIR GODS WERE FAKE AND MADE OF WOOD OR STONE

Human Government Will Always Be Flawed

Our State Power Problem is a Man-Made Problem

Worldly Conformity - is a Temptation

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

If I am Morphing Toward the World - I Will Soon Be Like the World

Ecclesiastes 1:8

All things are wearisome, more than one can say. The eye never has enough of seeing, nor the ear its fill of hearing.

I John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Conforms you to the way of the world

b.) By Avoiding the Faith

Verse 20

and that our king may judge us

GOD CANNOT BE CONTROLLED OR INFLUENCED

But A Human Judge is Biased and Conditional Like any Other Man.

John 5:42-43

"But I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you. 43 "I have come in My Father's name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.

John 1:10

He (Jesus) was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

Luke 19:12-14

Parable

Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13 "So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten measurements of money, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.' 14 "But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.'

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c.) By Increased Dependence upon Man

Verse 20

That he may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles

**That he may judge us
(we can handle him)**

**and go out before us
(we can see him)**

**and fight our battles
(we can trust in him)**

Christians Should Be the Most Radical People on Earth

CONSIDER THE BIBLE AND IT'S ROMANCE

There is a Realm, There is a Kingdom of Evil and There is a Kingdom of Good. There are subjects in both. There is a dragon and there is a King, there are battles and there are wars, but in the end – the kingdom of light and love wins by the mighty hand of the Prince..

THAT'S RADICAL

We Should Be the Most Radical People on Earth

The 5 Steps to Home Improvement;

(Make God Real to Your Children)

#1 By

talking about how great God is

#2 By

showing them Gods creative powers

#3 By

telling them who God is

#4 By

leading them to the Bible

#5 By

involving them in Gods service

REDEDICATION OF YOUR FAMILY TO GOD'S RULE

FURTHER DEDICATION TO YOUR LIFE

FIRST TIME DEDICATION

END OF STUDY