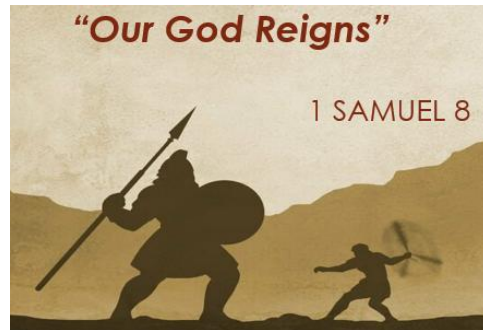


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God wants to rule in your life!

- ▶ *Is He* ruling in your life?
- ▶ Is it possible to reject God's rule and not know it?
- ▶ Are you working to get what *you* want?
- ▶ Are *you* asking: "What does God want?"



Lord Send Me Anywhere

1. O Lord, since Thou hast died to give Thyself for me,
No sacrifice could be too great for me to make for Thee.
Chorus: Lord, send me anywhere, only go with me;
Lay any burden on me, only sustain me.
Sever any tie, save the tie that binds me to Thy heart-
Lord Jesus, my King, I consecrate my life, Lord to Thee.

2. I only have one life, and that will soon be past;
I want my life to count for Christ, what's done for Him will last.

3. I follow Thee, my Lord, and glory in the cross;
I gladly leave the world behind and count all gain as loss.

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Here in 1 Samuel 8,

- ▶ This text points us to the next chapters:
- ▶ God rules among His people.
- ▶ Showing us, *warning*, look to the future, and what will happen Chapter 12 – as a lesson for **now**. A lesson many people miss!!
- ▶ *Let me illustrate: Let's suppose we could look into the future...*
- ▶ Here is their future lesson:
- ▶ They're asking for a king.
- ▶ For them to ask for a king means they want major changes!
- ▶ From local, tribal, to national.
- ▶ A monarch of their choosing: Not God, but it had always been a theocracy...

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- ▶ Here's the principle again:
- ▶ God wants to rule among His people!
- ▶ God wants to rule in *your* life!
- ▶ Israel has been doing well.
- ▶ But now what's happening?
- ▶ As we FFWD into the future.

GOD WANTS TO RULE IN YOUR LIFE!

God wants to rule among His people!

Let me give you 3 problems with their demand for a King:

I. The demand for a king was sinful in its motives

A. Good reasons:

B. There are also bad reasons:

C. Samuel goes to the Lord (v.6)

D. The Lord directs Samuel (vs.7-9)

His direction is 3-fold:

II. The demand for a King was selfish in its timing

A. God was not opposed

*They got what they wanted, but lost what they had!!
GOD GAVE THEM WHAT THEY WANTED!!*

B. Waiting on God, His timing –

Wait on the Lord: Psalm 27:14, 37:34, Proverbs 20:22

C. Profound dissatisfaction (v.20)

III. The demand for a king is cowardly in its spirit

A. They refused to listen

B. The easy way out

CONCLUSION:

- Christians don't have problems – that get them down!
- God is on the throne and HE REIGNS!
- In my life, in your life, does He?
- So, no matter what happens, God **is** still on the throne.
- Are we rejecting God's rule for some *Saul*?
- God will give you what you want, He did for Israel here. God also may not give you...