

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Why wasn't the Ark taken back to the tabernacle at Shiloh?
2. What strange gods or idols do we have to put away today?
3. What was the significance of pouring out water before the Lord?
4. What was the significance of Samuel setting up a stone?
5. How and why should we set up "Ebenezers" in our lives?

SUMMARY:

When the children of Israel longed to be freed from the bondage of the Philistines, Samuel told them that God would deliver them **if** they would again come into the right relationship with Him. He told them they must return to the Lord with all their hearts, and put away strange gods, and prepare their hearts unto the Lord and serve Him only.

Anyone who wants God on his side to help him fight against the enemy of his soul and be delivered from eternal bondage and death, must meet these same conditions.

NOTES:

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #6

May 7, 2023

Second Quarter

SAMUEL THE JUDGE

LESSON TEXT: *1 Samuel 7:1-17*

LESSON SETTING: The Ark is brought into the house of Abinadab.

TIME: About 1120 B.C.

- I. SAMUEL CALLS FOR REPENTANCE.** 1 Samuel 7:1-6
 - A. Return to the Lord. Isaiah 44:22; 1 Peter 2:25
 - B. Prepare your Hearts. 1 Corinthians 5:7; 2 Corinthians 7:1; 2 Timothy 2:20-21
 - C. Serve Him Only. 1 Chronicles 28:9; Matthew 6:24; Romans 6:6
- II. SAMUEL PRAYS FOR DELIVERANCE.** 1 Samuel 7:7-9
 - A. Praying. James 5:16; Philippians 4:6
 - B. Confessing. Romans 10:9-10; 1 John 1:9
- III. SAMUEL GIVES THANKS FOR VICTORY.** 1 Samuel 7:10-12
 - A. Thanks. Psalms 69:30-31
 - B. Praise. Exodus 15:1-2
 - C. Honor. Revelation 15:3-4
- IV. SAMUEL JUDGES IN PEACE.** 1 Samuel 7:13-17
 - A. Free from Oppression. 1 Samuel 7:14; Galatians 5:1
 - B. Remembers the Lord. 1 Samuel 7:17; 7:12; Joshua 24:27; Genesis 28:16-22

GOLDEN TEXT: *HITHERTO HATH THE LORD HELPED US.*

1 Samuel 7:12

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: 1 Samuel 8:1-22
SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: John 19:12-16

QUARTERLY THEME: Samuel and Saul - 1 Samuel

TOPIC: ISRAEL DEMANDS A KING

INTRODUCTION:

We often desire something that we see others enjoying and ask God for the same. If we truly walk with Him He will withhold that for which we ask if He knows in His infinite wisdom that it is not good for us. But the Israelites did not have a close walk with God and when they demanded a king, He consented. It was not His perfect will that they should have a king but His permissive will. Samuel recognized this and was saddened to think the people wanted a king. His grief must have been small compared to the sadness of God's tender heart, because the people had rejected Him as their King.

May we God's children never be guilty of this rebellious attitude, that we should hear God say of us, "they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them." (1 Samuel 8:7)

CENTRAL TRUTH: God wants the supreme place of rulership and authority in our lives.

GOLDEN TEXT: *SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.*
Matthew 6:33

God was willing to rule Israel through Samuel. He had always blessed them when they walked in His ways and kept His commandments. They could have become the greatest nation on earth with God as their King and protector. But they longed for an earthly kingdom, even when warned by Samuel that a king would be a harsh master over them.

We, too, are tempted to seek temporal things, the things of this earth, despite observing the woeful experiences of others who chase after these things, and despite the warnings from the Word of God that all is "vanity" (Ecclesiastes 12:8) and that "the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

So with His help, may we daily, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

Heavenward He set thy goal.
There His face to see.
Therefore trouble not thy soul
With earth's vanity.
O flee its guile!
Only what for heaven we bear,
Only what is treasured there,
Is worth thy while.

Z.H. 91:3

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF May 8 – 14

Mon. *The Wayward Sons of Samuel. 1 Samuel 8:1-5
Tue. *Israel Demands a King. 1 Samuel 8:6-9
Wed. *Samuel Warns Israel. 1 Samuel 8:10-18
Thu. *The Demand Repeated. 1 Samuel 8:19-22
Fri. The King of Glory. Psalm 24:1-10
Sat. "Blessed Be the King." Luke 19:28-39
Sun. "Behold Your King." John 19:12-16

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