



Study Two – King Saul

Text: 1 Samuel 8:1 to 10:27

This is a turning point in Old Testament history: from Judges to a King.

Q1. 1 Samuel 8:1-9 In these verses there seems to be a legitimate reason to request a king – cross reference Deut 17:14-20 but it masks a deeper issue. What is the issue? Why is it so striking when we think about what happened in 1 Samuel 7:3-11?

Q2. Israel is substituting a king for God like the nations around them. How might we do this individually and in the church when problems arise? Do we cry to the Lord in repentance and prayer or look to what is happening in society and try to copy that? What examples of this can you think of?

Q3. 1 Samuel 8:19-22 Samuel warned the people what the king would be like but they wanted to have their way. God gave them what they wanted. Can you think of times God has not given you what you asked for? In retrospect, can you see His kindness in saying no and why it was best for you?

Q4. 1 Samuel 9:15-17 This is one of the greatest examples of God's providence in Scripture – why?

Q5. Does such providence occur in our lives? Cross references Prov Ch16:9 and Prov Ch 20:24.

Q6. 1 Samuel 10:6 and 10 – Saul is filled with God's Spirit and power to serve as king but still needed to submit to God's Word through Samuel. Why is that so significant?