

WHY THEY WANTED A KING.

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INTRODUCTION.

A. Read the text: 1 Sam. 8:1-7.

B. Regarding the text:

1. In **1 Sam. 8**, the people come to Samuel and ask for a king.
2. Normally, when we discuss this issue, we talk about how they wanted to be like everyone else.
 - 1) While this is true, it is not the only reason they wanted a king.
 - 2) The reasons we see given in **verse 5** help us to understand how people think, and where they make their mistakes.
3. While they wanted a king, they would regret getting a king.
4. God knew they would want a king. He gave the requirements for a king (**Deut. 17:14-17**).
5. He was then to write a copy of the priests and Levites law and keep those laws.

C. In this lesson, we will examine the three reasons they wanted a king and see the lessons for us.

I. REASON 1: SAMUEL IS OLD!

A. For some reason, when one is old, then they become useless. God, on the other hand, does not consider this to be so.

1. **Leviticus 19:32.**
2. **Proverbs 16:31.**
3. **Proverbs 23:22.**
4. Moses was 80 years old when he stood before Pharaoh and Aaron was 83 (**Exo. 7:6**).
5. Paul is described as "the aged" in **Philemon vs. 9**.

B. We can learn much from these faithful older saints.

1. They have both knowledge and wisdom.
2. They have experienced things that are useful to the church.

II. REASON 2: THY SONS WALK NOT IN THY WAYS.

A. This is a concern because one of these would be the next priest.

1. They had not hearkened to godly instruction.
2. Thus, they dishonored their parents!
3. Godly parents should be honored (**Exo. 20:12; Col. 3:20**).

III. REASON 3: MAKE US A KING TO JUDGE US LIKE ALL THE NATIONS.

A. This is a dangerous idea. To be like the world will always lead us to destruction (Prov. 14:12**).**

1. **2 Cor. 6:17; Eph. 5:7; Eph. 5:11; 1 John 2:15-17.**
2. Israel received their king and ended up like the world around them.

- B. It was God who appointed the judges and the priests, and the people chose to change this for what they wanted.**

IV. CONCLUSION:

- A. God had a plan. His plan was to provide salvation to the obedient (Heb. 5:9).**
- B. The rebellion of Israel could not change that plan.**
- C. Today, we have a king. 1 Tim. 6:15** “Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords.” **Rev. 19:16** “And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”
- D. His kingdom is the church.**
1. Is Christ your king?
 2. Are you laboring in that kingdom?