

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE KINGS?

## Kingly Living

(1 Samuel 8)

### **Old Age Does Not Guarantee Biblical Wisdom**

v.1 “When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel.”

- Eli’s Mistake: Loved His Kids More than God (1Sam2:29)
  - “because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them” (1Sam3:13b)
- Eli’s Loss: God Disciplines and Bypasses
  - “I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew” (1Sam3:13a)
- God’s Plan Is To Greatly Use Those Who “do according to what is in my heart and in my mind” (1Sam2:35)
  - Know: Daily Communicate with Him
  - Mind: Understand & Remember His Truths

“Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.” (1Sam3:19)

  - Heart: Obey and Continue in His Love
- Trust In God’s Sovereignty: “It is the Lord. Let him do what seems good to him.” (1Sam3:18)

### **Christianity Is Not About Us:**

“Do This in Remembrance of \_\_\_\_\_”

v.3 “Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.”

- Watch Out for Self-Serving “Christianity”

#### *How to Defeat Self-Serving “Christianity”*

1. Love Abundantly (Matt 7:12)
2. Be Satisfied with Christ Alone (Matt 7:13-14)
3. Live Fruitfully (Matt 7:15-20)
4. Fix Your Thoughts: Know God (Matt 7:21)
5. Watch Your Heart: Experience God (Matt 7:22-23)

**WARNING:** Self-Serving “Christians” aren’t Christians.

## **Daily Focus: The World or God?**

v.5 “Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations.”

- The World Does Not Fully Understand God’s Power
  - Ark of the Covenant & Philistine Curse (1Sam5)
- Reject Worldly Wisdom & Seek God’s Steps
- God’s People Do Not Fully Understand God’s Power
  - “The men of Beth-shemesh said, ‘Who is able to stand before the Lord, this holy God?’” (1Sam6:21)
- Focus on Christ First (Mk 8:22-25)
- Let the World Blur Into the Background

## **Witness Faithfully, No Matter the Consequences**

v.7-8 “for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.”

*You are an Ambassador for Christ, so...*

1. Live the Message (Phil 1:27)
2. Communicate the Message(2 Cor 5:18-20)
3. Prepare for Suffering (Eph 6:20)
4. Never Fear the Loss of Your Citizenship (Phil 3:20)

## **Godly Love Includes God’s Warnings Speak Up!**

v.9 “only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.” (1 Samuel 8:7-9, ESV)

- There are both temporary and eternal consequences to rejecting God’s kingship.

## **The Message?**

**“Reject the Lord or Return to the Lord”**

*True Repentance Means...*

1. Turning Away from Sin
2. Turning Towards God
3. Traveling In Obedience

**Live Under the Kingship of Christ!**