

The People Ask for a King – 1 Samuel 8

Setting (1-3) – Samuel was old / his sons perverted _____

The People Request a King (4-9)

- *Appoint a* _____ *for us* \Rightarrow like _____ the _____
- Response
 1. Samuel: _____ in his eyes (Dt. 16:18); took the matter to _____
 2. Lord God:
 - A. Encouraged Samuel – the people are rejecting _____ not _____
 - B. Instructed Samuel: 1) _____ a king; 2) _____ them

Results of Requesting a King (11-18) – Key words: _____ / _____

- The king will *take*:
- Israel will _____ their request; and the Lord will _____ (18)

Response (19-22)

- The people: _____ to listen to the voice of Samuel
- Samuel: repeat of v. 6
- Lord: repeat of vv. 7 and 9

Lasting Lessons

- Israel's problem: **not** that they wanted a king
Israel's problem: thought their problem was _____
Israel's problem: _____ \Rightarrow _____ God and **His** rule
- The times in which we live
 1. Be _____ what you ask for
 2. People get the _____ they _____ (18)
 3. *Our* foremost problem is _____ not _____
 4. Strong central government without God is characterized by:
 - A. _____ versus _____
 - B. People dependent upon _____ versus _____
 - C. People give up _____ for false notion of _____
 5. *Spiritual* solutions
 - A. _____
 - B. Speak and live the _____ (1 Tim. 3:15)
 - C. Raise _____ and _____ to follow Christ in discipleship