

## God's warning to Israel.

1 Sam. 8:4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,

8:5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. See Due. 17: 14-20. below.

8:6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

8:7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: ***for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.***

8:8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith ***they have forsaken me***, and served other gods, ***so do they also unto thee.***

8:9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit ***yet protest*** solemnly unto them, and ***show them the manner*** of the king that shall reign over them.

8:10 And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king.

8:11 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots.

8:12 And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and will set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.

8:13 And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers.

8:14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants.

8:15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.

8:16 And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work.

8:17 He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants.

8:18 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.

8:19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;

8:20 That we also may be ***like all the nations***; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

8:21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.

8:22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

12:12 And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye

said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: **when the LORD your God was your king.**

12:13 Now therefore behold the king whom *ye have chosen*, and whom *ye have desired!* and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you.

12:14 If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and ***not rebel against the commandment of the LORD***, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God: Due. 28: 45.

12:15 But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, **as it was against your fathers.** Isa. 14:1-24; Jer. 1:15; 24:9; 25:14,19,29; 29:18; 34:17; 50:9, 23; Eze. 21:25-27; 27:13; 38; 39; . Gog, Magog. Due. 28: 25-.

12:16 Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes.

12:17 Is it not wheat harvest to day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see **that your wickedness is great,** which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, **in asking you a king,**

12:25 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, ***both*** ye and your king.

Note: the people chose him, therefore its up to them to perform the Lord's will!

## **Did King Saul follow God's council?**

Due. 17:14 When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me;

17:15 Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.

17:16 But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.

17:17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

17:18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites:

17:19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

17:20 ***That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren,*** and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

**Note: Saul was not God's choice for a King, he was Israel's choice. David was to be King. Therefore it was Israel's responsibility to remove King Saul, not Davids or Gods.**

## **Saul was not the leader of the church Samuel was!**

1 Sam. 15:23, 28-Saul is told he was no longer King and the kingdom was taken from him. Saul was to give David the Kingdom. Israel knowing this FAILED to do the LORDS will.

Acts.13:21 And afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years.

13:22 And **when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David** to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

16:13, 14--David is now the LORDS anointed--whom Saul persecuted!

24:20--Saul acknowledges David as King.

Had Israel been following the LORD by Moses, they would have removed corrupt Kings and Priest. But because they were benefitted by this corruption, here lies the reason. Remove the Achan's, ect.s, 2 Kings 11:1-21, Abner,

Ps. 12:8

How can we place in history Davids Psalms? By comparing the Psalms with the events of his life: 1Sam. 23:19-23, 7, 14; 24:1; 27:4; Ps. 142:4; 22:4, 5.

## **How did David view, and describe Saul?**

In the Psalms David describes Saul as his: Enemy, wicked, familiar friend, violent man, persecute-persecutors, false witnesses, neighbors, foes, deceitful and unjust, bloody and deceitful, him that would swallow me, lions, bloody men, workers of iniquity, unrighteous and cruel, that lay wait for my soul, adversaries to my soul, they that seek my hurt, the proud, they which hate me, adversaries, those that condemn, lying lips, deceitful tongue, false tongue, him that hateth peace, evil man, violent man, proud, evil speaker,

Ps. 35; 56:5, 6; 57:6; 86: 13, 14; 109: all 20, 31; 120; 140:1-11; 142:1-7; 143: 3, 9, 12;

***These are church members!***

**Ps. 139:19** Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ***ye bloody men.***

139:20 For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain.

139:21 ***Do not I hate them,*** O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

139:22 ***I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.***

*Ps. 41all.*

Note: Pastors and Church leaders who use King Saul as a reason for not removing false teachers are: 1). comparing themselves to an apostate king. 2) Are mis-interpreting this verse for THEIR authority. 3). And, God for the purpose already mentioned, "they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them," allowed Israel to be scourged by an apostate king. Failing to fulfill His will and have them removed!

Dauids sons, Them that rose/risen up against me.

*David* erred greatly, but he was just as greatly humbled and his contrition was as profound as his guilt. There was never a person more humble than David under a sense of his sin. He showed himself a strong man, not in always resisting temptation, but in the contrition of soul and sincere penitence manifested. He never lost his confidence in God, who put the stern rebuke in the mouth of His prophet. He had no hatred for the prophet of God. He was beloved, also, because he relied upon the mercy of a God whom he had loved and served and honored. {CTr 149.4}

David sinned. He transgressed the law of God. A prophet was sent of God to reprove and convict David of his great sin. This prophet did not sing to David sensational songs; neither did he relate simple humorous anecdotes. He brought before him an illustration of his own case in a figure and let David pass sentence upon himself; then he stated, "Thou art the man." David repented before God, whose law he had transgressed, and relied for pardon on the efficacy of the blood of Christ. {4MR 185.1}

Look at men who are professedly converted under the excitement of feeling. They are not brought to face the great moral mirror, the law of God, which discovers to them the defects in their character. The law of God is presented to them as a yoke of bondage in contrast to the freedom of the gospel. Cannot these men read in the Word of God for themselves, "Where there is no law there is no transgression"? They feel no binding claims of the law of God; as a natural consequence they have not a sensitive conscience toward sin. They have not a fixed principle. We may see such Christians in the churches everywhere--see them today one thing, and tomorrow another. Let wealth and fame allure them, and their feelings, which were wrought upon, will change. There is no sacrifice of feeling of conscience which this class of spurious converts will not make to gain the prize. Do such men honor the Bible standard of true piety? Never, never. They are unsound at heart. Just when temptations arise, when the decision must be made whether they will follow inclination or principle, you will see that there is not firmness when it is really needed. If they do not deny their Lord like a Judas or sell their honor like an Arnold, it is because they have not been tempted to do this. {4MR 185.2}

After delivering the reproof at Gilgal, Samuel had little intercourse with the king of Israel. *Saul* resented the prophet's stern rebuke, and avoided him as far as possible; and Samuel did not intrude his presence or his counsel. But the Lord commanded him to bear another message to the king. God purposed again to work through Saul, to destroy the enemies of Israel. {ST, August 24, 1882 par. 1}

Num. 25:4 And the LORD said unto Moses, ***Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun,*** that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel. Jezebel, Atholiah, ect.

Ex. 32:27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour.

32:28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men.

32:29 For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves to day to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

#### The LORD humbles King Saul.

1Sam.19:24 And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

Due. 13:1 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,

13:2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;

13:3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

13:4 Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.

13:5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken

to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

13:6 If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom,

or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers;

13:7 Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off

from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth;

13:8 Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:

13:9 But thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people.

13:10 And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

13:11 And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

13:12 If thou shalt hear say in one of thy cities, which the LORD thy God hath given thee to dwell there, saying,

13:13 Certain men, the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known;

13:14 Then shalt thou inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought among you;

13:15 Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying

it utterly, and all that is therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword.

13:16 And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof every whit, for the LORD thy God: and it shall be an heap for ever; it shall not be built again.

13:17 And there shall cleave nought of the cursed thing to thine hand: that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and show thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers;

13:18 When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.