



Lesson 62

ISRAEL DEMANDS A KING

Story Elements:

- **Text:** 1 Samuel 8:1-22
- **Setting:** approx. 1050 B.C.
- **Main Characters:** God and Samuel
- **Plot:** Samuel's sons become corrupt judges and become the catalysts to Israel's rebellious demand for a king.
- **Key word(s):** “ _____ ” (v 7)
- **Climax:** “*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.*” (v 18)

Samuel's Wicked Sons

1. (vv 1-5) As Samuel aged, he attempted to provide Israel with future leaders by appointing his sons as judges.
 - a. Unfortunately, Joel and Abiah did not follow their father's example, and much like Hophni and Phineas, they abused their leadership by taking bribes and _____ justice.
 - b. The Hebrews used Joel and Abiah's corruption as an excuse to demand that Samuel give them a _____.
2. (vv 6-9) Samuel, displeased by the matter, took it to the LORD in prayer. God told Samuel that...
 - a. ...the demand for a king was not really about Samuel or his sons, but about Israel's _____ against God. (v 7)
 - b. ...Samuel should give the people what they wanted, but to “ _____ solemnly” their request. (v 9)

Israel's Worldly Demand

3. (vv 10-18) Samuel warned the Israelites about the dangers of installing a monarchy. Those dangers include the loss of _____ and _____.
4. (vv 19-20) The Israelites dismissed Samuel's warning and persisted in their demand for a king. Their rejecting God through _____ motives is revealed in the statement in 1 Samuel 8:19-20:

19 *Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; 20* *That we also may be like _____; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.*

