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Unit II: Out of Slavery to Nationhood

Topic: We Want a Human King

Text: 1 Samuel 8:4-7; 10:17-24

Key Verse: Ye have this day rejected your GOD, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, nay, but set a king over us (1 Samuel 10:19a, KJV).

Pointers:

- 1) Association Begets Assimilation (1 Samuel 8:4-7).
- 2) Biting the Hand that Feeds (1 Samuel 10:17-19a).
- 3) Looks are Deceiving (1 Samuel 10:19b-24).

Introduction:

The very actions of others can have a profound impact on the rest of us. Their desire to have power can influence us for good or evil. The Israelites experienced such, journeying from slavery to nationhood was a classic example of this. But, despite their actions, GOD had a threefold purpose for leading the Israelites to the promised land. First purpose was to fulfill the promise that GOD made to Abraham to give his descendants the land as an inheritance (Read Genesis 12:7). Second purpose was that GOD wanted to judge the Canaanites for their idolatrous practices and other evils. Third purpose was to protect Israel from the Canaanites' ungodly influence. But the Israelites rejected GOD purpose and asked Samuel for a human king like the rest of the nations, this was a mistake that the Israelites made that they would regret centuries to come.

Lesson Pointer # 1

- Association Begets Assimilation (1 Samuel 8:4-7)

Now, "Association Begets Assimilation," is the process by which individuals or groups of different ethnic heritage are absorbed into the dominant culture of a society. In other words, associating oneself with others who are not like minded can influence the behavior and attitudes in ways that can be harmful or helpful. Now, Samuel had appointed his two sons, Joel and Abijah as judges in Israel's southern territory. Samuel thought that his two sons would support rather than replace his circuit administration, but their objective was a personal gain rather than pleasing GOD. The two sons of Samuel perverted justice instead of upholding justice (Read 1 Samuel 8:1-3; Exodus 23:6,8; Deuteronomy 16:19).

The spiritual failure of Joel and Abijah along with Samuel's age caused the elders to request for a king to judge them (Israel) like the nations around them (1 Samuel 8:4-5). Samuel became depressed and upset by the elders request for a king since they already had GOD as their King. So, Samuel took the matter to GOD in prayer (1 Samuel 8:6). GOD heard Samuel's prayer and informed Samuel that they were not rejecting him, but that they were rejecting GOD, and for Samuel to go ahead and grant them a king (1 Samuel 8:7).

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Lesson Pointer # 2

- **Biting the Hand that Feeds (1 Samuel 10: 17-19a)**

The LORD GOD chose Saul, a member of the tribe of Benjamin, to reign as King of Israel (Read 1 Samuel 9-10:16). So, Samuel called the people together unto the LORD GOD to Mizpeh, and there proclaim publicly Saul as their King (1 Samuel 10:17). And said unto them that they were rejecting the GOD who brought them out of bondage of Egypt and slavery, and delivered them out of the hands of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and those who oppressed them (1 Samuel 10:18). It was the LORD GOD alone, who, brought them out of Egypt, and delivered them from the nations that oppressed them, and not political power, but the LORD GOD only. Despite the people supernatural redemption from Egypt and obligation to obey the LORD GOD, the people chose to be ungrateful and thoughtless and to disregard the LORD GOD (1 Samuel 10:19a). Now, when we show that we are not thankful or grateful for the LORD GOD, and to acknowledge the LORD GOD presence in our lives, we become guilty of dethroning the LORD GOD to enthrone ourselves.

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Lesson Pointer # 3

- **Looks are Deceiving (1 Samuel 10:19b-24)**

Now the LORD GOD had informed Samuel of HIS (THE LORD GOD'S) choice, and how the procedure would proceed, the LORD GOD is in control. So, Samuel instructed the tribes to present themselves individually, and Benjamin's tribe was chosen by casting lots (1 Samuel 10: 19b-20). Now, this was the time that the LORD GOD purpose was demonstrated by HIS (LORD GOD) sovereignty through the process of elimination. Saul who was chosen could not be found (1 Samuel 10:21). The LORD GOD directed the tribal leaders to Saul hiding place among the military supplies (1 Samuel 10:22). When the leaders when and fetched Saul, they were convinced that he was their choice (1 Samuel 10:23). So, Samuel proclaimed Saul as the king whom the LORD GOD chose and presented Saul to the people (1 Samuel 10:24). Now, the request of the Israelites for a human king was satisfied. But do know that looks can be deceiving; it is not a valid or reliable qualification for serving the LORD GOD. Things and people are hardly ever what they appear to be, therefore, it is necessary for us to trust the LORD GOD and to walk by faith and not by sight.

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Lesson Nuggets

- 1) **Know that the LORD GOD is in control.**
- 2) **Seek the answer by praying to the LORD GOD.**
- 3) **Do not judge the book by its cover, investigate the heart of the book by opening it.**
- 4) **Do know that you can not hid from the LORD GOD who is omnipresent.**