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**Lesson 8 for October 18, and 23,2022**

**Unit 2: Out of Slavery to Nationhood**

**Topic: We Want a Human King**

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

**Lesson Aims:**

**Understand why the Israelites rejected GOD as their king and sought a human king whom they could see.**

**Sense Your selfishness in seeking a quick solution to life's problems instead of trusting GOD.**

**Pray for GOD'S help to trust GOD as your only true king and ruler.**

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

**Samuel was the last and the greatest judge of Israel and the first of Israel's prophets (Acts 13: 20). Samuel was an honest man and he served GOD. Now that he became old, an appointment of a new ruler was now needed. It was now time for a new ruler, and it was normally given to the sons. However, he had two sons, and they were not honest as their father. Instead, they took bribes, dishonest and were unjust to the people. The elders came to Samuel and demanded that a new king would take over who was godly. This was wise of the elders to do this. They did not have to accept a leader who was ungodly and unfit to lead. However, it was wrong for them to ask Samuel for a new king "like all the nations" GOD knew that one day Israel would have a new king (Deuteronomy 17 :14-20). A king was already in GOD's plan for Israel. We often get into trouble by wanting to be like the world when we should instead be transformed into the image of GOD (Romans 12:1-2).**

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**TOPIC 2: Biting the Hand that Feeds (1 Samuel 10:17-19d)**

**Samuel summoned the people together after he prayed to GOD.**

**His instructions were from the Lord and not of him (Proverbs 3:5-6). All what the Lord had done for them when they were in captivity, they failed to focus, or remember what the Lord did for them. All they wanted was a king now. GOD was going to give them a king, but in His timing and there would be consequences (Genesis 3). We often want things now, yet GOD knows when to bless us (Psalm 26:14a). Perhaps you want that dream car, job, big house, and big bank account and get. However, nothing is more important than having GOD in your life. Those things will not last forever, but GOD'S love for us is ever lasting!!!**

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**TOPIC 3: Looks are Deceiving (1 Samuel 10:19b-24)**

**The new king was to elected form the twelve (12) tribes by the casting of lots. God made the decision, and he selected the tribe of Benjamin. This tribe was the smallest and least important tribe in Israel. This was GOD's choice! And the new king was Saul. The people probably thought that the new king would come from a larger tribe. Surprised they were!! Only God knows what is best for us and all we must do is trust Him.**

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**Lesson Nuggets**

- 1) GOD is our only one and true king.**
- 2) We must put our trust in GOD only.**
- 3) Before making any decision, pray for GOD'S guidance and be patience.**