

6 – SAUL AS KING – PART 1 (1 SAMUEL 12:1-13:23)

I. Samuel Speaks to the Nation (1 Samuel 12:1-25)

A. Samuel's Integrity (12:1-5)

- Samuel acknowledges that he did as they asked in giving them a king.
- Samuel also acknowledges that he old and has lived his life before them.
- Samuel then called for anyone to witness that he was corrupt in his dealings with them.
- The people acknowledged that Samuel was not corrupt in his dealings with them.
- Samuel than stated that the Lord was a witness concerning their testimony about him.

B. Samuel's Address (12:6-25)

1. The Lord's Righteous Acts (12:6-11)

- Samuel points out that the Lord raised up Moses and Aaron to lead them out of Egypt.
- He calls Israel to pay attention to the Lord's righteous acts that he did to Israel.
- He recalled that Jacob went to Egypt and Moses brought their fathers out.
- Israel soon forgot the Lord and he then gave them into the hands of their enemies.
- Israel cried out to the Lord and confessed that they had served other gods.
- The Lord then raised up judges and delivered them from their enemies.

2. The People's Selfish Request (12:12-13)

- When Nahash, the Ammonite, came against them, they asked Samuel for a king.
- They did this in spite of the fact that the Lord God was their king.
- Samuel told them that the Lord has given them a king that they had desired.

3. Blessing and Cursing (12:14-15)

- If Israel will fear the Lord and follow him, then they will continue following the Lord.
- If Israel disobeys and rebels against the Lord, his hand will be against them.

4. The Sign from the Lord (12:16-19)

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- Since it was the wheat harvest, Samuel called for an unusual storm as sign.
- With the sign of rain and thunder, the people called Samuel to intercede for them.
- They acknowledged that asking for a king had added to their sins.

5. The Call to Faithfulness (12:20-25)

- Samuel called them not to fear and served the Lord with their whole heart.
- Samuel confirmed that he will continue to pray for them.
- He still warned them that they will be punished if they turn away from the Lord.

II. Saul's Unlawful Sacrifice (1 Samuel 13:1-23)

A. Saul's impatience (13:1-15)

- During the second year of Saul's reign, he had chosen 3,000 men of Israel as warriors.
- Saul's son, Jonathan, attacked the Philistine garrison and he called the nation to arms.
- The nation gathered together at Gilgal, while a large Philistine army came to attack them.
- As the people were hiding themselves, Saul waited seven days for Samuel.
- When it appeared that Samuel was not coming, Saul offered the burnt offering.
- As soon as the offering was made, Samuel appeared and Saul went to greet him.
- Samuel questioned what had been done and Saul offered several excuses.
- Samuel pointed out that Saul acted foolishly by not keeping the commandment of the Lord.
- He tells Saul that his kingdom will not continue and the Lord was seeking another.
- The Lord was seeking for himself a man after his own heart.

B. The Condition of Israel's Army (13:16-23)

- The Philistines encamped at Michmash and sent three companies of raiders into Israel.
- Because there were no blacksmiths in Israel, the army had neither swords or spears.
- Only Saul and his son Jonathan had swords and spears.