Israel Demands a King

Deut. 17:14-20

1 Samuel 8

The Situation (vv. 1-3)

- Samuel is Old
- Appoints His Sons as Judges
- Comparison with Eli and His Sons

Israel Requests a King (vv. 4-6)

- The Concern
    - Samuel is Old
    - Sons do not walk in your ways

- The Request: “Appoint for us a king”

- The Motivation
    - One like the nations
    - Landmark significance within the request

- Samuel’s Response
    - Displeasure
    - Prays to the Lord

The Lord’s Response to Israel’s Request (vv. 7-9)

- Obey them
    - Obey the voice of the people
    - They have rejected Me
    - Such forsaking has been their pattern

- Warn them
    - Solemnly warn then
    - Show the ways of the king

Samuel's Warning Against Kings (vv. 10-18)

- The King will take (6x)
    - Sons
    - Daughters
    - Fields, Vineyards, Olive Orchards
    - A portion of your crops
    - Servants
    - A Tenth of your flocks

- The Result
    - You will cry out
    - The Lord will not answer

Israel Demands a King (vv. 19-20)

- The Foolish Demand: "There shall be a king over us"
    - Prov. 12:15
    - A Desire to "blend in" (Lev. 20:26)
    - A Demand for someone to fight their battles

The Lord's response to Israel's Demand (vv. 21-22)

- Samuel gives a report (v. 21)
- The Lord answers
    - They disobeyed Samuel
    - Samuel is to obey Israel's demands
- Samuel Instructs the people to go home