



9:00 Live Sunday School at FBCJ

1st Samuel 8:1-22 The Different “Wills” of God

I. vv. 1-3

- A. Israel coming from it's “Ebenezer experience” but still acting worldly
 - How long is “became old”?
- B. Samuel has no recorded sins. Compare that to: Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Adam/Eve, etc.
- C. Are these the ghosts of Hophni and Phineas?

II. vv. 4-5

- A. God's guidance on a king - Deuteronomy 17:14-20
- B. The “pre-Davidic” covenant – Genesis 49:10
- C. No plan of succession – Judges 8:22-23
- D. What's the difference in a judge and a king?
 - 1. A Judge was raised up from time to time particularly for some crisis or issue
 - 2. A king is the establishment of a government

III. vv.6-9

- A. v.7 – why would God say “listen to them and give them what they want?”
- B. Samuel wisely takes this to God
- C. This is also prophetic to say “they have rejected me as their king” – John 19:12-16
- D. Why does God allow this thing to happen that is against what He wants?

IV. vv.10-18

- A. This king is going to get his 10% ON TOP of YHWH's 10%
- B. Notice how many times you see “he will take”

C. God is clear that this king they want is what THEY wanted not what He wanted

V. vv.19–22 – What is God’s Will? Five Examples

A. Directive Will

a. Acts 16:6-10

B. Sovereign Will – what He decrees that will come to pass

1. His offer of salvation to us – Ephesians 1:3-6
2. His selection of Israel as His people – Romans 11:1-2a
3. His covenants

C. Perceptive Will – what I can plainly see and perceive i.e. Ten Commandments

D. Preferential Will – It is God’s “druthers”

- a. God wants us to be saved – 1st Timothy 2:1-4
- b. 2nd Peter 3:9 – God wants us to come to Him

E. Permissive Will

- a. 1st Samuel 8:21 – “give them a king”
- b. 1st John 2:1-2 – “if anyone does sin”

Under His Sovereign Will, sometimes His Preferential Will is violated, and His Permissive Will allows us to stray from His Perceptive Will

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