



Handling the Holy: **What do you do with the Glory of God?**

Study Notes Handout: Week Five (1 Sam 5 - 7)

Who can stand in the presence of the Lord, this holy God? (1 Sam. 6:19)

*If Israel had a problem (and they certainly did), it was with God Himself!
It is perfectly clear that the relationship between Israel and God was in serious
difficulties...Why was Israel (like the Philistines) experiencing the heavy hand of God? That is
the question the events of these three chapters raise.*

Sermon Outline: The Gospel According to Samuel (1 Sam. 7: 1 - 13)

1. Return to the Lord (vs. 1 - 3; cf. Acts 3:19)
2. Remove other gods (vs. 3 - 4; cf. 1 Thes. 1:9 - 10)
3. Repent /Confess your sin (vs. 5 - 6; cf. Mk. 1:15)
4. Rely on the Lord to Intercede (vs. 5, 7 - 13; cf. Heb. 7:25)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. Why did it take 20 years for Israel to return to the Lord? (vs. 2) Do you know of someone that wandered away from God and then returned? Can you share the story?
2. What does it mean in our time and culture to '*rid ourselves of foreign gods*' (vs. 3)? Can you share an example of what this has looked like in your life as a follower of Christ?
3. What demonstrated that Israel's confession was sincere? (vs. 6) How is the practice of our confession of sin similar or different? What does James 5:16 and 1 John 1:8 - 2:1 teach us?
4. Samuel is a picture of Jesus Christ in His intercession and offering of sacrifice (vs. 8 - 9). What does it mean to rely on Christ's intercession in practical terms? (cf. Heb. 4:14 - 16).



Personal Study Notes

Key Verses:

The Philistines called for the priests and the diviners and said,
"What shall we do with the ark of the LORD? Tell us how we should send it back to its place."
1 Samuel 6:2

And Samuel said to the whole house of Israel, "If you are returning to the LORD with all your hearts,
then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the LORD
and serve him only, and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines."
1 Samuel 7:3

The Lord Triumphs during Samuel's Ministry

The Lord's Hand is heavy upon the Philistines and the Israelites (6:13 - 7:1)

The Children of Israel Repent and Return to God (7:2 - 6)

The Lord Delivers His People from the Philistines (7:7 - 17)

Questions or Insights for Discussion:

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