



# **Israel's First King:** **The Desire to be like other Nations** **(1 Sam 8 - 12)**

*Study Notes Handout: Week Six*

*...now appoint a King to lead us, such as all the other nations have. (1 Sam 8:5)*

## Sermon Outline:

1. A Persistent Problem: An Absence of Spiritual Leadership (8:1 - 3)
  
2. A Superficial Solution: A King like all other Nations have (8:4 - 5, 19 - 20; 10:19)
  
3. A Disapproving Approval: Listen to them and warn them (8:6 - 18; 10:24 - 25)
  
4. A Lasting love: The Pleasure of God in His People (12:19 - 25)

## Questions for Reflection / Discussion:

- i. What is the root of the problem we see in Ch. 8:1 - 3? How relevant is this to the problems that the church faces today? What is the need in each generation?*
- ii. What is the problem with the proposal that Israel's elders bring to Samuel (8:4 - 5)? How are we similar to Israel in looking for solutions to our problems?*
- iii. It has been said - Be careful what you ask for. Is it comforting or discomforting to know that God sometimes gives us what displeases Him? (8:6, 22)*
- iv. How does the heavy hand of the Lord in Ch.12:15 and the lasting love of God in vs. 22 fit together? What is the warning in Ch. 12 and how do we apply it to our lives?*



## Personal Study Notes

### Key Verses:

<sup>4</sup> So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah.

<sup>5</sup> They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."

*1 Samuel 8:4-5*

<sup>19</sup> But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us.

<sup>20</sup> Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles."

*1 Samuel 8:19-20*

### The Lord Gives Israel a King “Such As All Other Nations Have” (8:1-14:51)

Samuel’s Sons Are Rejected as Judges (8:1-3)

Israel’s Elders Demand a King (8:4-6)

The Lord Grants the Elder’s Sinful Request (8:7-22)

The Lord Selects Saul as King over Israel (9:1-12:25)

### Questions or Insights for Discussion:

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