

King Me?

1 Samuel 8:1-9, Deut 17:14-20

When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations."

1 Sam 8:1-4

Are kings bad?

The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him...

Gen 49:10

The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the horn of his anointed. 1 Sam 2:10

2 Conditions for king : _____, _____

"When you come to the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,' you may indeed set a king over you whom the Lord your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. Deut 17:14-15

3 Restrictions for kings: _____, _____, _____

Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the Lord has said to you, 'You shall never return that way again.' And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold. Deut 17:16-17

God wants to be our King

2 Rules for kings: _____, _____

And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel. Deut 17:18-20

And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. 1 Sam 8:7-8

And when you saw that Nahash the king of the Ammonites came against you, you said to me, 'No, but a king shall reign over us,' when the Lord your God was your king. 1 Sam 12:12

What represents security for you?

Next Steps:

- Remind yourself of God's faithfulness this week
- Spend time in God's Word
- Spend time with others

Additional Resources:

- "The Skeleton in God's Closet" by Joshua Butler
- "Risk is Right" by John Piper

Worship Songs

- Faithful Now – Elevation Worship
- The Blessing – Kari Jobe
- Lift you High - Housefires