

Here I Raise My
Ebenezer
(1 Samuel 7)

1. If I am turning to God completely, I must _____ all foreign gods, _____ my sin, _____ my heart to God, and _____ Him alone. *(Genesis 35:2; Joshua 24:14; Exodus 20:3, 34:14; 1 John 1:9; Proverbs 28:13; Psalm 32:5; Acts 3:19; Isaiah 45:22; Psalm 119:59; Ephesians 5:3; James 4:6; Luke 4:8)*
2. Whenever we seek to _____ our heart and actions with God, the enemy will come _____ us. *(Deuteronomy 28:7; Psalm 71:10; John 16:33; 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Timothy 3:12; Mark 9:14-29; 1 John 3:13)*
3. When the _____ comes against us, _____ comes against him! *(Romans 8:31; Isaiah 54:17; 2 Corinthians 12:9; 2 Chronicles 20:1-12; Exodus 23:22; Ephesians 6:10-11; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; James 4:7; John 10:10)*
4. Our only _____ is in the one One who can _____. *(Psalm 54:4, 73:25; Deuteronomy 31:6; Isaiah 41:10-13; Hebrews 4:16, 13:6; Psalm 27:1, 46:1, 118:7, 121:1-2, 124:8; John 14:26; Genesis 28:10-22; Joshua 4:1-7)*
5. “Thus far” means we have _____ to go. (We aren’t ‘there’ yet!) *(1 Timothy 4:15; 2 Peter 3:18; Philippians 1:9, 2:12-13, 3:12-14; Romans 5:2-5; Hebrews 6:1; Proverbs 1:5; Ephesians 4:11-16)*
6. Not only does God _____ - He _____. *(Psalm 18:48, 91:1-16, 103:1-5, 138:7; Psalm 23; Proverbs 20:22; 1 Peter 5:10; Isaiah 40:31; Matthew 11:28; Joel 2:25-26)*



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Samuel told the people that if they were returning to the Lord, there were certain *actions* that they must take. What were these actions? (See **verses 3-4**.) In what ways can we practice these same actions today? (And speaking of actions...John said on Sunday that "outward action without proper heart motivation is hypocrisy and fraud." What might he have meant by that?)
3. How did the Israelites react when they heard the Philistines were coming against them? What did God's people DO to win the battle / war? What are the parallels between their 'battle plan' and ours? (Refer to the account of the great multitude coming against Israel from Edom in **2 Chronicles 20**.)
4. As their leader called by God, Samuel found it very important that he erect a monument to God, honoring Him as their Helper against the Philistines (**verse 12**). Likewise, it is very important that we remember what God has done on our behalf. What are some 'monuments' we can lift up in our lives (to be 'seen' by ourselves and others)? Share a way God has been a very present help to you recently.
5. When Samuel set up the stone, he made the declaration that (**verse 12**) "*Thus far* the Lord has helped us." Discuss the significance of the words "*thus far*" and the application / implication this has for each of us. (What must we be careful to do? To *not* do?) (Read **Philippians 3:12-14** for some help.)

