

Series: 1 Samuel: The Chosen King VII

Text: 1 Samuel 8:1-22

**HI: The pursuit of Godless security only ends in slavery.**

Title: *The Price of Security*

Hook: Security Risks

Date: 2.26.23

Purpose: To warn God's people of the foolishness of faithlessness.

FCF: Like ancient Israel, God's people are tempted to find security in becoming like the nations around them. God's grace meets us here as he gives his word to his people and prepares them for his chosen king.

COR: In a world of insecurity, human beings are willing to pay nearly any price to feel secure. The question for each one to answer is, "Where and how can I find security for all eternity?"

Witness of Christ [WC\*]: John 18:36

Apologetic: We are slaves to the things that make us secure; these things take from us. There is One who makes us eternally secure who gives to us, his name is Jesus.

Form: Hourglass (late MVM 2)

Call to Worship: Psalm 47:1-2, 6

Benediction: Romans 15:13

Outline:

**I. Trust in the Lord is tested when this world's insecurity threatens. (1-9)**

A. Israel still bears the scars from fathers and sons. (1-3)

B. Their proposal is a system built on hereditary succession. (4-5)

C. Their rejection of God is a failure of faith. (6-9)

**II. Kings chosen from men tend toward oppression. (10-18)**

A. He will take.

B. They will lose.

C. Freedom in the Lord will give way to slavery to the king. (17)

**III. The rejection of God's word makes His people like the world. (19-22)**

A. Israel's obstinance is an identity crisis. (19-20)

B. The Lord's consent sets them up for judgment. (21-22)

**Main Idea:**

Subject: Israel searches for security through a king

Complement: Which was a rejection of the Lord and an invitation for oppression.  
 Exegetical Idea: Israel's search for security in the form of a king was a rejection of the Lord and an invitation for oppression.

Theological Idea: When God's people seek security in this world instead of the Lord, they invite oppression.

**Homiletical Idea: The pursuit of Godless security only ends in slavery.**

### **Introduction:**

"Safetyism refers to a culture or belief system in which safety has become a sacred value, which means that people become unwilling to make trade-offs demanded by other practical and moral concerns. "Safety" trumps everything else, no matter how unlikely or trivial the potential danger." Greg Lukainoff and Jonathan Haidt, *The Coddling of the American Mind*

READ 1 Samuel 8:1-9

**8** When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. <sup>2</sup>The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba. <sup>3</sup>Yet his sons did not walk in his ways but turned aside after gain. They took bribes and perverted justice.

<sup>4</sup>Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." And Samuel prayed to the Lord. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

Joel means "Yahweh is God,"

Abijah means "Yahweh is my father."

Deut 16:19-20: You shall not pervert justice. You shall not show partiality, and you shall not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and subverts the cause of the righteous. Justice, and only justice, you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

v. 6: “Displeased” = “Evil”

### **I. Trust in the Lord is tested when this world’s insecurity threatens. (1-9)**

v. 9: “Ways of the king” = “Justice of the king.”

READ 1 Samuel 8:10-18

<sup>10</sup> So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking for a king from him. <sup>11</sup> He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. <sup>12</sup> And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. <sup>13</sup> He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. <sup>14</sup> He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. <sup>15</sup> He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. <sup>16</sup> He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. <sup>17</sup> He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. <sup>18</sup> And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you in that day.”

### **II. Kings chosen from men tend toward oppression. (10-18)**

v. 17b: “And you shall be his slaves.”

### **III: The pursuit of Godless security only ends in slavery.**

READ 1 Samuel 8:19-22

<sup>19</sup> But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, “No! But there shall be a king over us, <sup>20</sup> that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.” <sup>21</sup> And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And the Lord said to Samuel, “Obey their voice and make them a king.” Samuel then said to the men of Israel, “Go every man to his city.”

(How is this their response?!)

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Exodus 19:5-6 “You shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup> and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

Leviticus 11:45: For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”

Deuteronomy 26:18-19: And the Lord has declared today that you are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, and that you are to keep all his commandments, <sup>19</sup> and that he will set you in praise and in fame and in honor high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to the Lord your God, as he promised.”

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also... “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Matthew 6:19-21, 24

### **III. The rejection of God’s word makes His people like the world. (19-22)**

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Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." (John 18:36)

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1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.