

A Broken Kingdom: “Be Careful What You Ask For”

I Samuel 8:1-22

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I. For all the wrong reasons. (vs 1-5)

- a. We must not be controlled by greed.
I Timothy 6:10
- b. We must not focus on this world.
Colossians 3:2

II. Wrong reasons can be disastrous. (vs 6-9)

I Samuel 13:14

III. Wrong reasons will have bad consequences. (vs 10-18)

Galatians 6:7-8

IV. Wrong reasons that refuse to be changed. (vs 19-22)

“Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.” Proverbs 28:14

LET’S GO DEEPER:

1. Why were the Israelites willing to ignore the warnings about a king? Why does God seem to “give in” to their request? What does this teach us about Him?
2. Read Luke 23:1-5. How is Israel’s demand for a king similar to the way many Israelites responded to Jesus when He was on earth? Why did people struggle to trust that Jesus was the Messiah?
3. Make a list of 3 situations that a person chooses “the way of the world/culture without fully considering the consequences. Be prepared to share what consequences are the result of those choices.
4. If having a king was so bad, why do you believe the Lord permitted them to have a king?
5. What should a parent do when a child insists on having something that in the long run will cause problems?