# PROGRESS OF REDEMPTION: ACT ONE, SCENE ONE, STEPS 10-11.

BIOGRAPHY OF SAMUEL

- A man and his <u>BARREN</u> wife have a <u>BABY</u>.
- <u>HANNAH</u> dedicates <u>SAMUEL</u> to the Lord.
- <u>SAMUEL</u> found <u>FAVOR</u> with God. (1 Samuel 2:26, 35)
- Samuel <u>JUDGED</u> all of <u>ISRAEL</u> all the <u>DAYS</u> of his life.

## ACT ONE, SCENE ONE, STEP 10: UNIFICATION

- 1. Samuel was a <u>UNIQUE JUDGE</u>.
  - a. Other judges were LOCAL, OCCASIONAL, and TEMPORARY.
  - b. Samuel had <u>AUTHORITY</u> from God.
- 2. The Transition from Samuel to a Monarchy
  - a. Samuel was  $\underline{OLD}$  and had no  $\underline{SUCCESSOR}$  (bad sons).
  - b. God had a <u>PLAN</u> for a <u>KING</u>. (Deuteronomy 17:14-15)
  - c. The <u>PEOPLE</u> want the <u>WRONG</u> kind of <u>KING</u>.
- 3. PROBLEM: they wanted a <u>KING</u> like <u>OTHER NATIONS</u>. (1 Samuel 8:5)

THEOCRACY:

## MONOARCHY:

- a. Samuel led the people under <u>GOD'S CONTROL</u>.
- b. The people wanted a <u>KING</u> like the <u>OTHER NATIONS</u>. (1 Samuel 12:12)
- c. God's choice was a <u>THEOCRACY</u>.
- d. The people's choice was a <u>MONARCHY</u>.
- 4. Samuel <u>WARNS</u> the people. (1 Samuel 8:11-18)
- 5. The people <u>RESPOND</u> with what they <u>WANT</u>. (1 Samuel 8:19-20)
  - a. A king to JUDGE US.
  - b. A king to <u>FIGHT</u> for us.
  - c. A king to <u>LEAD US</u>.

#### 6. The Lord's <u>RESPONSE</u>.

a. <u>APPOINT</u> them a <u>KING</u>. (1 Samuel 8:22)

#### ACT ONE, SCENE ONE, STEP 11: A KING (SAUL)

- 1. Israel given a <u>KING</u>.
  - a. Two person selection committee: <u>GOD</u> and <u>SAMUEL</u>
- 2. <u>SAUL</u> chosen as <u>KING</u>.
  - a. From the SMALLEST TRIBE, MINOR CLAN
  - b. <u>PHYSICALLY</u> appealing
  - c. Saul reigns for <u>40 YEARS</u>.
- 3. The Problem Arises
  - a. Saul offers a <u>BURNT OFFERING</u>. (1 Samuel 13)
  - b. Saul makes a <u>FOOLISH OATH</u>. (1 Samuel 14)
  - c. Saul <u>SINS</u> and asks for <u>HONOR</u> among the people. (1 Samuel 15)
    - i. Saul should have asked for <u>FORGIVENESS</u>. (Psalm 51)
- 4. Saul is <u>REJECTED</u> as <u>KING</u>. (1 Samuel 15:26)
- 5. Saul <u>DIES</u> by committing <u>SUICIDE</u> and then being <u>DECAPITATED</u> by the Philistines. (1 Samuel 31)

## BOTTOM LINE: SIN is not the BARRIER...

<u>REBELLION</u> and <u>REFUSAL</u> to <u>REPENT</u> are the problem.