

1 Samuel 8: Israel Demands a King

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1 Samuel 8, Psalm 73

- The children of Israel were not obedient to the Lord
- God is not just a tool that we can set before our enemies
- Victory requires obedience and alignment with God. God will not be used. He must be followed.
- Samuel appointed his sons to be judges. They were corrupt and did not walk in his ways
- When we compare ourselves to others, it's a terrible thing
- It'll make you miserable
- Don't be jealous when you see the prosperity of the wicked
- Don't struggle with comparison
- Comparison doesn't just discourage you, but it also distorts you
- Don't measure wrongly
- God isn't measuring what people applaud
- God isn't impressed with outward success
- God is watching faithfulness. He is shaping eternity
- God, You are enough. Draw near to Him
- When comparison increases, intimacy decreases, and joy disappears
- Get close to God
- Don't lose sight of the main thing
- When we compare, we lose our identity
- A human king brings heavy consequences
- Because they were warned, Samuel told the people that they would cry to the Lord to deliver them, but He would not hear them
- There's a danger in wanting to be like the world