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Samuel (Rise of the King) - Lesson 17

Samuel's Farewell Address (1 Samuel 12:1-25)

I. Samuel's Faithful Leadership - 1 Samuel 12:1-5 (Slides 11-31)

Leadership Passes to Saul

- Samuel listens to the people's request.
- Israel now has the **(1) KING** it demanded.
- Saul stands before the nation as its leader.
- Samuel formally recognizes the monarchy.
- Leadership changes, but the **(2) LORD** remains Israel's true King.

A Lifetime of Service

- Samuel is old and gray.
- He has served Israel from his youth.
- His public life has remained open to examination.
- Faithfulness is demonstrated over a lifetime.

"Here I Stand"

- Samuel invites the people to **(3) TESTIFY** against him.
- The examination takes place before the Lord, Saul, and the assembled people.
- Leadership with **(4) INTEGRITY** does not fear honest examination.
- Samuel offers to make restitution if any wrongdoing is found.

Possible Abuses of Authority

- Samuel denies theft, exploitation, oppression, corruption, and partiality.
- He has never accepted a **(5) BRIBE** to overlook wrongdoing.
- Godly authority serves people instead of using them for personal gain.

The People's Verdict

- The people cannot identify any theft, cheating, oppression, or corruption.
- No **(6) EVIDENCE** of misconduct is found.
- Samuel's faithful record prepares him to confront Israel's unfaithfulness.
- Godly leadership is measured by faithfulness, justice, and **(7) SERVICE**.

II. God's Faithfulness in Israel's History - 1 Samuel 12:6-12 (Slides 32-55)

The Courtroom Turns Toward Israel

- Samuel's conduct has been examined.
- The people have declared him **(8) INNOCENT**.
- Samuel now presents evidence from Israel's national history.
- God's faithfulness exposes the seriousness of Israel's unfaithfulness.

God Delivered Israel from the Beginning

- The Lord appointed Moses and Aaron.
- God heard Israel's cry in Egypt.
- God brought His people out of (9) **SLAVERY**.
- Human leaders were instruments; the Lord remained the Deliverer.

Israel Forgot the Lord

- Israel (10) **FORGOT** the Lord and ignored His past grace.
- The people turned toward other gods.
- God allowed their (11) **ENEMIES** to overpower them as covenant discipline.
- Their oppression revealed the consequences of abandoning God.

The Cycle of the Judges

- Rebellion -> Retribution -> Repentance -> Rescue.
- Israel's repeated (12) **FAILURE** was met by God's repeated mercy.
- When the people repented, God raised up deliverers.
- Israel's security came from God, not permanent human rule.

Despite God's Faithfulness

- Nahash threatened Israel, and the people responded in fear.
- They ignored God's long (13) **HISTORY** of deliverance.
- They demanded visible political security.
- They worshiped (14) **IDOLS** and rejected the Lord's rule.
- Israel demanded a king despite God's unbroken faithfulness.

III. King & People Remain Under God's Authority - 1 Samuel 12:13-15 *(Slides 56-69)*

Here Is the King You Requested

- Israel received the king it repeatedly demanded.
- God selected and appointed Saul.
- God retained the right to establish and (15) **REMOVE** kings.
- Saul's authority remained under God's authority.

The Monarchy Does Not Replace God

- Israel now has a visible king, but the Lord remains covenant King.
- Loyalty to Saul cannot replace loyalty to God.
- Israel's covenant obligations are not changed by (16) **POLITICAL** changes.

The King Must Follow the Lord

- Saul leads Israel, but the Lord leads (17) **SAUL**.
- The king must know and obey God's commands.
- A (18) **CROWN** does not remove accountability.
- Spiritual success is not measured by visible results alone.

Two Possible Paths

- Faithfulness: fear, serve, obey, and follow the Lord.
- Disobedience: resist God's voice and repeat earlier sins.
- Political power cannot compensate for spiritual **(19) REBELLION**.
- Israel's future depends upon obedience, not merely having a king.

IV. God Confirms Israel's Sin - 1 Samuel 12:16-19 (Slides 70-84)

Stand Still and See

- Samuel calls Israel to witness what God is about to do.
- God will visibly confirm Samuel's message.
- The people cannot dismiss the warning as **(20) PERSONAL** opinion.

The Sign During Wheat Harvest

- Wheat harvest normally occurred during a **(21) DRY** season.
- Thunder and rain were unusual and potentially destructive.
- The timing made the sign unmistakable.
- A king can command an army, but only God commands creation.

Samuel Calls Upon the Lord

- Samuel announces what God will do and prays.
- The Lord immediately **(22) ANSWERS**.
- The storm confirms Samuel's prophetic authority and God's covenant authority.

The Sign Exposes Evil

- Sin must be understood from God's perspective, not human **(23) OPINION**.
- God's permission did not mean His approval.
- The people confess that asking for a king was **(24) EVIL**.

Israel Seeks Intercession

- The people fear judgment and ask Samuel to pray.
- They know they need a **(25) MEDIATOR**.
- Awareness of guilt should move us toward God's mercy, not away from Him.

V. God Calls His People Back to Faithfulness - 1 Samuel 12:20-25 (Slides 85-108)

Do Not Be Afraid

- Samuel does not minimize Israel's wrongdoing.
- He tells the people not to surrender to despair.
- Failure is not **(26) FINAL**; God is still calling them to return.
- Conviction should lead us back to God rather than away from Him.

Do Not Turn Away

- Past failure must not become an excuse for future rebellion.
- The correct response to **(27) SIN** is to return to God.
- Israel must serve the Lord wholeheartedly.

- Loyalty to Saul cannot **(28) REPLACE** loyalty to God.

The Lord Will Not Abandon His People

- God remains faithful for the sake of His great name.
- Israel's hope rests in God's character, not Israel's merit.
- Their **(29) IDENTITY** is found in belonging to the Lord.

Samuel's Continuing Ministry

- Samuel promises to continue praying for Israel.
- He considers failure to pray a sin against the Lord.
- Samuel will continue **(30) TEACHING** Israel the good and right way.
- Faithful ministry joins intercession with biblical instruction.

Remember and Serve

- **(31) FEAR** the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart.
- Remember the great things God has done.
- Gratitude for God's grace should motivate obedience.

The Final Warning

- Mercy does not make rebellion **(32) HARMLESS**.
- Persistent evil will bring judgment upon king and people.
- Despairing fear runs **(33) AWAY** from God.
- Reverent fear draws near in **(34) REPENTANCE**.
- Samuel calls Israel to fear the Lord reverently, not hopelessly.

Answer Key

1. KING (Slide 17)	15. REMOVE (Slide 61)	29. IDENTITY (Slide 100)
2. LORD (Slide 18)	16. POLITICAL (Slide 63)	30. TEACHING (Slide 102)
3. TESTIFY (Slide 21)	17. SAUL (Slide 65)	31. FEAR (Slide 103)
4. INTEGRITY (Slide 22)	18. CROWN (Slide 66)	32. HARMLESS (Slide 104)
5. BRIBE (Slide 26)	19. REBELLION (Slide 68)	33. AWAY (Slide 106)
6. EVIDENCE (Slide 28)	20. PERSONAL (Slide 75)	34. REPENTANCE (Slide 107)
7. SERVICE (Slide 30)	21. DRY (Slide 76)	
8. INNOCENT (Slide 40)	22. ANSWERS (Slide 78)	
9. SLAVERY (Slide 42)	23. OPINION (Slide 79)	
10. FORGOT (Slide 44)	24. EVIL (Slide 81)	
11. ENEMIES (Slide 45)	25. MEDIATOR (Slide 82)	
12. FAILURE (Slide 48)	26. FINAL (Slide 92)	
13. HISTORY (Slide 51)	27. SIN (Slide 94)	
14. IDOLS (Slide 53)	28. REPLACE (Slide 96)	