

Choosing a leader

1 Samuel 8-9

Introduction: Benjamin

1 Samuel 8:1-3

Concept: The most important thing in any succession model is that the Lord rules, and His word rules, the new leader.

1 Samuel 8:4-6

1 Samuel 8:7-9

Precept: All choices have consequences.

Precept: The leadership in the world knows the things of the world but the leadership 'amongst God's people' should know the things of the kingdom of God.

1 Samuel 8:10-18

1 Samuel 8:19-22

Precept: Consequences always follow choices and God determines the consequences.

Summary: Many things rise and fall on leadership and this story highlights that truth.

Samuel Identifies a King

1 Samuel 9

There are two leadership roles in this story; and no one seems to have it "all together" but there are two men that God positions as leader, Samuel and David.

1 Samuel 9:1-17 - Genesis 49:8-10; 27 - Judah would produce Israel's leaders, Saul is not in that line.

1 Samuel 9:18-27 - Saul's divine appointment with Samuel

Conclusion: We should not overlook the greater narrative before us. Israel is in crisis; nevertheless God is working as his people wander.

Israel has been in the land for about 200 years and they have turned to these idol worshippers for direction as God's people, they seek conformity and hope for security.

God is not against a king; he was against the motives of Israel for a king; God also had different timing as the elders and Israel became impatient for security. They should have learned from the period of the Judges that doing what is right in one's own eyes is the true source of trouble—God is our king, we must follow Him.

Rejecting God's directions may seem good at the moment but in time it will prove disastrous. God's word is not up for debate, we must obey. Our choices will determine our consequences.