



Awaiting the King Series: Part 4: The People's Choice, I Samuel 8-31
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Intro: Getting what we want isn't always a good thing....

I. Israel Asks for a King—

1Samuel 8:4-9

1Samuel 8:10-22

1Sam. 10:17-19

- Are we making requests of God that God knows aren't for our best? _____
- Are we placing any desire over our desire to know and love and glorify God our Father and Jesus our Savior?
- Are we saying, "God's will be done" because Jesus is our King, or "our will be done?" because we want what we want? _____

II. King Saul— the King Israel Wanted

1Samuel 9:1-2

1 Samuel 11

Saul's heart/actions:

1 Samuel 13:8ff

1 Samuel 14:24ff

1 Samuel 15:12, 22-27

1 Samuel 16:14

1 Samuel 16-31

Israel got the king they wanted but not the king they needed.

- Are we setting our heart on things and people merely because of their appearance? _____
- In situations where we're able to, are we looking for proven character in the people we call leaders, spouses, employers....? _____

III. No King But Caesar-

In the days of Jesus' Incarnation-

John 5:43

Matt. 27:15-23

John 19: 14

The rejection of God in Christ as our great King by most of the world continues today and will do so into the future.

John 5:43

Daniel 7

2 Thessalonians 2:3-10

Revelation 13:1ff

IV. Who Do We Want? Who Do We Choose?

Have we personally embraced God in Christ as our own Savior and King? _____

Psalm 84:11-12 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. 12. O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you.