

12 July 2020

Samuel's Leadership Brings Victory ¹

Lesson Text: **1st Samuel 7:1-12**

Related Scriptures: **Deuteronomy 30:1-10; 1st Samuel 12:16-14;**
Psalm 18:7-15; Joshua 4:19-24

TIME: 1047 B.C.

PLACES: Mizpeh; Between Mizpeh and Shen

GOLDEN TEXT: *“And the children of Israel said to Samuel, cease not to cry unto the Lord our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.” (1st Samuel 7:8 KJV)*

Scripture Lesson Text

1st Samuel 7:1-12

7 And the men of Kir-jath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of the Lord, and brought it into the house of Abin-a-dab in the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the Lord.

2 And it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kir-jath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after the Lord.

3 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

4 Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the Lord only.

5 And Samuel said, gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the Lord.

6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the Lord, and fasted on that day, and said there, we have sinned against the Lord. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

¹ Union Gospel Press, Adult Bible Teacher, Summer Quarter, June, July, August 2020; Samuel's Leadership Brings Victory, 12 July 2020, page 34

8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, cease not to cry unto the Lord our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

9 And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the Lord: and Samuel cried unto the Lord for Israel; and the Lord heard him.

10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the Lord thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel.

11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Beth-car.

12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

Lesson Aim

Facts: To acknowledge that those who desire to be blessed by God must love and worship Him properly.

Principle: To realize that cavalier attitude toward God or rejection of Him will bring His wrath.

Application: To remember that if we want God to bless us, then it is necessary to repent and acknowledge His total supremacy over our lives.

Introduction: Life in Israel during the early years of Samuels ministry was topsy-turvy to say the least. The people did not have a proper view of God until He raised up Samuel and brought him to the forefront in Israel.

I. Developing the Lesson

- a. Samuel Calls on Israel to Repent (1 Samuel 7:1-4)
- b. Samuel calls on God to save Israel (7:5-12)

II. Studying the Text

- a. **Recovery of the Ark (1st Samuel 7:1-2)**
 - i. Retrieving the Ark (1st Samuel 7:1)
 - ii. Israel turns to the Lord (1st Samuel 7:2)
- b. **Repentance Required (1st Samuel 7:3-4)**
 - i. Israel called to repent (1st Samuel 7:3)

ii. Israel turns to false gods (1st Samuel 7:4)

c. Restoration Begun (1st Samuel 7:5-8)

i. Confession (1st Samuel 7:5-6)

ii. Consternation (1st Samuel 7:7-8)

d. Request Answered (1st Samuel 7:9-12)

i. A sacrifice offered (1st Samuel 7:9)

ii. A prayer answered (1st Samuel 7:10)

iii. A memorial erected (1st Samuel 7:11-12)

III. Conclusion

IV. Closing Prayer

Daily Bible Readings for Home Study and Worship

For: 19 July 2020

Israel Demands a King

Monday-God's Law for Kings (**Deuteronomy 17:14-20**)

Tuesday- An Illegitimate King (**Judges 9:1-6**)

Wednesday- A Fable of False Kingship (**Judges 9:7-20**)

Thursday- I Will Be Your King (**Hosea 13:4-11**)

Friday-A Different type of Leadership (**Matthew 20:25-28**)

Saturday-What to Expect from a King (**1st Samuel 8:12-17**)

Sunday-The Lord Gives a King (**1st Samuel 8:1-11, 18-20**)