

Samuel

1 Samuel, Chapters 8-10

Getting Ahead of God In Pursuit of a Manmade Dream

"...Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." And the Lord said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them." 1 Samuel 8:1-8 – NKJV

- Asking for a king was not wrong, their heart was wrong. It was the wrong -
 - *Timing* – Eventually God would establish a king, but this was not His intended time.
 - *Motive* – They were looking for a king to do what only God as King could do.
 - *Person* - Saul, the man they would get, was not God's original choice.
 - *Establishment of New Office* – Kings were not yet established in Israel



Now therefore, heed their voice. However, you shall solemnly forewarn them...Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No, but we will have a king over us" 1 Samuel 8:9-22 – NKJV



If the timing, motive, person, and establishment were all off, why was God allowing it?
-First, the people's hearts were hard. Even with the stern warning, they insisted.
-Second, since their hearts were so firmly set, God would use the situation to teach them.

*There was not a more handsome person than he among the children of Israel.
From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people. 1 Samuel 9:2 – NKJV*

Visually, the thing we want looks great,
but it won't bring greatness to our lives



"For the Lord does not see as man sees, for man looks at the outer appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." - 1 Samuel 16:6

MANMADE DREAMS

I would rather have God's ideal, than man's ideal

GOD REDEEMS (MANMADE DREAMS)

God's plan is not demolished--it may be deterred for a season--but not destroyed

