

★ SCRIPTURE TRUTH APPLICATION RESPONSE ★

BEGIN BY PRAYING AND ASKING GOD FOR HIS HELP TO GROW

QUESTIONS ON THE PASSAGE

V. 1-8

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ELKANAH'S TWO WIVES?
IN WHAT WAYS DID THIS BECOME A PROBLEM WITHIN THE FAMILY?
HOW WAS HANNAH TREATED IN THE MIDST OF HER BARRENNESS?
WAS ELKANAH'S "HELP" ENOUGH TO PRODUCE PEACE? WHAT ELSE COULD HE DO?
WHAT IS THE TYPICAL SOLUTION IN OUR SOCIETY FOR FAMILY PROBLEMS?

9-16

WHERE DID HANNAH GO WITH HER EMOTIONS?
WAS HER PRAYER A PRAYER OF FAITH OR DESPERATION? COULD IT BE BOTH?
HOW DOES HER PRAYER SHOW A BROKENNESS BEFORE THE LORD?
WAS HER PRAYER A WISE PRAYER OR ILL-ADVISED BARGAINING WITH GOD?
HOW IS ELI'S INITIAL RESPONSE INSENSITIVE TO THE PLIGHT OF HANNAH?

17-20

HOW IS ELI'S CHANGE OF HEART A SIGN THAT HE BELIEVED HANNAH?
HOW DO WE KNOW ELI'S WORDS WERE AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO HANNAH?
WHAT HAD CHANGED IN HANNAH'S LIFE AS THE FAMILY RETURNED HOME?
HOW IS HANNAH'S PREGNANCY A MIRACLE COMING FROM GOD?
WHAT WILL SAMUEL REMEMBER ABOUT GOD, BASED ON HIS NAME?

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS:

WHICH PEOPLE AROUND YOU ARE DISTRESSED BECAUSE OF FAMILY PROBLEMS?
HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO THINGS THAT BREAK YOUR HEART?
HOW DOES GOD STILL HEAR AND ANSWER PRAYER TODAY?
ARE YOU MORE WILLING TO ENDURE HARDSHIPS INSTEAD OF FACING POSSIBLE
RIDICULE FOR PRAYING TO GOD ABOUT WHAT HURTS YOU?
HOW DOES JESUS TURN OUR SHAME TO WORSHIP WHEN WE TURN TO HIM?



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1:21-28

WHY IS NOTEWORTHY THAT ELKANAH WAS A FAITHFUL MAN OF GOD?
WHAT WAS HANNAH'S MOTIVATION FOR KEEPING SAMUEL WITH HER?
WHAT IS THE REQUIREMENT FOR A VOW OFFERING? (SEE NUMERS 15:8-10)
WHY MIGHT HANNAH HAVE BROUGHT HER SON TO ELI'S ATTENTION?
WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF ASKING AND LENDING IN THIS PASSAGE?

2:1-11

HOW IS HANNAH'S SONG/PRAYER DIFFERENT FROM CHAPER ONE?
HOW WOULD YOU HAVE RESPONDED TO LETTING GO OF YOUR CHILD?
WHERE DOES HANNAH ACKNOWLEDGE WISDOM, POWER, AND JUSTICE?
HOW DOES HER PRAYER TARGET PENINNAH IN SOME SPOTS?
IN WHAT WAYS WAS HANNAH'S PRAYER A PICTURE OF THE HISTORY OF MAN?

2:12-21

HOW DO ELI'S SONS SHOW THEMSELVES TO BE WORTHLESS MEN?
HOW IS THIS A CONTRAST TO HANNAH IN 1:16?
WHAT THINGS DID ELI'S SONS DO THAT BROUGHT DISHONOR ON GOD?
HOW IS THE DESCRIPTION OF SAMUEL A CONTRAST TO ELI'S SONS?
WHAT WAS THE DIFFERENCE IN HEART BETWEEN ELI'S SONS AND SAMUEL?

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS:

WHAT ROLE DOES PARENTAL FAITHFULNESS HAVE IN RAISING CHILDREN?
WHICH DOES YOUR FAITHFULNESS REPRESENT - HANNAH'S, ELI'S, OR HIS SONS?
HOW DOES RECOGNIZING GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER ALL ENCOURAGE YOU?
WHAT DOES PRIDE AND NOT KNOWING THE LORD LEAD TO?
HOW DOES A BELIEVER'S OUTWAD SIN AFFECT THOSE IN THE CHURCH?
HOW ABOUT THOSE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH?



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2:27-36

WHO IS THE VISITOR TO ELI, AND WHAT IS HIS DESCRIPTION?
 WHY DOES THE LORD REMIND ELI OF HIS PAST WORK ON BEHALF OF ELI'S FAMILY?
 WHAT IS THE MAIN CHARGE THAT THE LORD FILES AGAINST ELI AND HIS SONS? (29)
 WHAT IS THE QUALIFICATION FOR SOMEONE TO GET HONOR FROM GOD? (30)
 WHAT ARE THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON ELI'S HOUSE THAT GOD DECLARES?
 WHAT POSITIVE EFFECTS WILL BE ON THE ONE WHOM GOD WILL REPLACE THEM?

3:1-9

HOW DOES THE AUTHOR DESCRIBE SAMUEL IN VERSE ONE?
 WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT "THE WORD OF THE LORD WAS RARE IN THOSE DAYS"?
 HOW DOES SAMUEL'S CLOSENESS TO THE ARK PUT HIM IN A PLACE TO HEAR GOD?
 WHY DOES VERSE 7 TELL US WHY SAMUEL DIDN'T RECOGNIZE GOD'S VOICE?
 HOW DOES SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW THE LORD HEAR GOD'S VOICE TODAY?

3:10-21

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT SAMUEL'S CHARACTER AS HE OBEYS ELI'S COUNSEL?
 WHAT DOES GOD REVEAL TO SAMUEL ABOUT ELI'S HOUSE?
 WHY IS ELI'S RESPONSE OF RESIGNATION IN LINE WITH HIS FORMER ACTIONS?
 WHY WOULD SAMUEL BE RELUCTANT TO SHARE WITH ELI WHAT GOD SAID?
 HOW IS SAMUEL'S WORD CONNECTED WITH GOD'S WORD? (SEE ISAIAH 55:10-11)

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS:

WHAT ARE SOME DIFFICULTIES THAT SPIRITUAL LEADERS FACE TODAY?
 WHY IS KNOWING GOD CRUCIAL TO DEVELOPING A PASSIONATE HEART FOR GOD?
 HOW DO PEOPLE WHO KNOW GOD HEAR GOD'S VOICE TODAY?
 HOW DOES SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW THE LORD HEAR GOD'S VOICE TODAY?
 WHAT BARRIERS KEEP PEOPLE FROM SHARING GOD'S DEMAND TO REPENT OF SIN?



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4:1-5

HOW IS THE BEGINNING OF THIS CHAPTER A CONTINUATION OF 3:19-21?
WHAT HISTORY DID THE PHILISTINES HAVE WITH ISRAEL?
HOW WAS THE FIRST BATTLE A SHOCKING THING TO ISRAEL?
WHAT WAS ISRAEL'S MAIN IDEA TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF DEFEAT?
HOW DOES THE PRESENCE OF THE TOKEN OF GOD'S PRESENCE EMBOLDEN ISRAEL?

4:6-11

HOW DO THE PHILISTINES RESPOND WHEN HEARING THE LOUD SHOUT?
WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRUSTING IN THE ARK AND RECOGNIZING THAT GOD IS THE POWERFUL ONE?
HOW DOES THE SECOND PHILISTINE VICTORY CAUSE ISRAEL TO RETREAT?
WHO BELIEVED THAT GOD WAS GREATER: THE ISRAELITES OR PHILISTINES?
HOW DOES THE DEATH OF ELI'S SONS KEEP GOD'S PROMISE TO ELI?

4:12-18

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT ELI'S HEART BEFORE THIS CHAPTER?
WHAT DO WE LEARN ABOUT IT IN THIS CHAPTER?
WHY IS ELI MORE IMPACTED BY HEARING ABOUT THE ARK THAN HIS OWN SONS?
HOW DOES THIS END OF AN ERA SIGNIFY THE CHANGING OF WHAT GOD IS DOING?

4:19-22

HOW DOES THIS TRAGIC ACCOUNT ADD TO THE DESPAIR OF ISRAEL THAT DAY?
WHY SHOULD WE FEEL THE WEIGHT THAT PHINEHAS' WIFE FELT?
WHY DOES "ICHABOD" PROVIDE AN INCOMPLETE PICTURE OF GOD HERE?
HOW DID THE TRUST OF ISRAEL IN THE ARK PROVE TO BE A MISPLACED HOPE?

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS:

WHAT SOLUTIONS DO YOU RUN TO, EVEN GOOD ONES, BEFORE RUNNING TO GOD?
WHY IS TRUSTING IN GOD'S GIFTS DIFFERENT THAN TRUSTING THE GIVER?
HOW HAS GOD MOVED YOU FROM TRUSTING OTHER THINGS TO TRUSTING HIM?
HOW DOES JESUS PROVIDE BOTH A GIFT AND THE GIVER INTO ONE (ISAIAH 59:16)?
WHO WILL YOU HELP TRUST IN GOD HIMSELF AND NOT JUST THINGS ABOUT GOD?



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5:1-5

WHERE DO THE PHILISTINES PUT THE ARK AFTER THEY CAPTURE IT?
WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT THEIR VIEW OF ISRAEL'S GOD?
WHAT HUMOROUS LESSON DOES THE WRITER TELL US ABOUT DAGON'S STATUE?
HOW DOES THIS GIVE US A PICTURE OF GOD'S NAME, "THE MOST HIGH GOD"?
WHY WOULD THE PRIESTS CONTINUE TO WORSHIP DAGON AFTER THIS INCIDENT?

5:6-11

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PEOPLE OF ASHDOD? WHO CAUSED IT (SEE V. 1)?
WHAT ACTION DOES THIS AFFLICTION CAUSE THE PEOPLE TO DEMAND?
HOW DOES THE SECOND PHILISTINE CITY FARE WHEN THE ARK COMES THERE?
WHAT DO THE PEOPLE OF EKRON DEMAND FROM THE LORDS OF THE PHILISTINES?
HOW DOES THIS SHOW GOD'S HAND IN RETURNING THE ARK TO HIS PEOPLE?

6:1-16

HOW LONG DID THE ARK REMAIN IN ENEMY HANDS? IS THAT SIGNIFICANT?
WHOSE HAND DID THE PHILISTINE HOLY MEN BLAME FOR THE PROBLEMS?
WHAT WAS THE SOLUTION PROPOSED TO APPEASE ISRAEL'S GOD?
HOW DOES THIS PLAN WORK? HOW DO THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL RESPOND?

6:17-7:2

HOW DID THE ARK GET TAKEN IN THE FIRST PLACE?
HOW IS THE SUPERSTITIOUS ATTITUDE OF THE PEOPLE STILL A PROBLEM HERE?
WHAT DID THE PEOPLE DO WHEN GOD JUDGED THEM HARSHLY?
WHY SHOULD ISRAEL HAVE RESPONDED DIFFERENTLY THAN THE PHILISTINES?

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS:

DOES GOD STILL BRING JUDGMENT ON SIN TODAY, OR ARE WE PAST THAT?
WHY IS THE HAND OF GOD AGAINST THOSE WHO REJECT HIM OR HARM OTHERS?
DO WE MOURN FOR SIN OR ONLY OVER THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN?
HOW HAS GOD GIVEN YOU A RESPECT FOR HIS GLORY THAT SURPASSES ISRAEL'S?
WHO DO YOU PERSONALLY KNOW WHO NEEDS TO SEE THE SERIOUSNESS OF SIN?



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7:2-4

WHAT DO THE ISRAELITES BEGIN TO DO AFTER THE EVENTS OF CHAPTERS 5-6? (V. 2)
WHAT DOES SAMUEL TELL THE PEOPLE TO DO IF THEY ARE SERIOUS?
WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT HOW FAR ISRAEL HAD TURNED AWAY FROM GOD?
HOW DID THE PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE WORDS OF SAMUEL?
HOW DOES THIS CONFIRM THE WORDS OF 1 SAMUEL 3:19-4:2?

7:5-11

WHY DOES SAMUEL GATHER THE PEOPLE AT MIZPAH AND POUR OUT WATER?
HOW DOES THE CONTEXT HELP US UNDERSTAND THIS STRANGE ACTION?
WHAT DOES SAMUEL SAY TO THE PEOPLE WHEN THEY FEAR THE PHILISTINE ARMY?
HOW DOES THE LORD RESPOND TO SAMUEL AND THE PEOPLE TURNING TO HIM?

7:12-17

WHAT DOES SAMUEL DO IN RESPONSE TO THE LORD DEFEATING ISRAEL'S ENEMY?
HOW IS THE NAME OF THE STONE A REMINDER OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS?
WHEN THE PEOPLE TURN BACK TO THE LORD, WHAT DOES HE DO FOR THEM?
HOW LONG DID SAMUEL JUDGE/RULE ISRAEL? FROM WHERE DID HE DO SO?
WHY WAS IT MORE EFFECTIVE TO TRAVEL TO WHERE THE PEOPLE WERE THAN TO REQUIRE THE PEOPLE TO COME TO HIM?

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS:

WHY IS IT HARD TO HELP OTHERS FOLLOW THE LORD?
HOW DOES SAMUEL'S BOLDNESS AND CARE FOR PEOPLE HELP US LEARN TO LEAD?
WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD BEING FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES AND PEOPLE?
HOW DOES TIME WITH OTHERS PROVIDE A BETTER CONTEXT FOR GROWING TOGETHER IN THE LORD?
WHO CAN YOU PULL CLOSE FOR JESUS-LIKE DISCIPLEMAKING FRIENDSHIPS?



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8:1-6

WHAT DOES SAMUEL DO TO HELP AS HE AGES REGARDING THE JUDGING OF ISRAEL?
HOW IS WHAT HAPPENS SIMILAR TO ELI AND HIS SONS? HOW IS IT DIFFERENT?
WHAT REASON DID THE ELDERS GIVE TO SAMUEL FOR WANTING A KING?
WHY DID THE REQUEST DISPLEASE SAMUEL?
WHAT DID SAMUEL DO WHEN PRESENTED WITH THIS REQUEST?

8:7-10

WHAT IS THE LORD'S RESPONSE TO SAMUEL'S DISPLEASURE?
HOW HAD THE PEOPLE OF GOD REJECTED HIM? HOW LONG HAD THEY DONE IT?
WHAT DOES GOD TELL SAMUEL TO DO AS HE OBEYS THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE?
HOW DOES SAMUEL SHOW HIS OBEDIENCE TO THE LORD?

8:11-18

WHAT WARNINGS DOES SAMUEL GIVE REGARDING THE SONS OF THE PEOPLE?
WHAT WARNINGS DOES SAMUEL GIVE REGARDING THE DAUGHTERS?
WHAT DOES SAMUEL WARN REGARDING THE POSSESSIONS OF THE PEOPLE?
HOW DOES THE TENTH PART RELATE TO WHAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE A TITHE?
WHAT DIRE WARNING DOES SAMUEL GIVE THE PEOPLE IN VERSE 18?

8:19-22

WITH ALL THESE WARNINGS, WHAT SURPRISING RESPONSE DO THE PEOPLE GIVE?
WHAT THREE REASONS DO THE PEOPLE GIVE TO WANT A KING?
WHERE DOES THEIR REJECTION OF THE WARNINGS DRIVE SAMUEL?
HOW DOES THIS SHOW SAMUEL'S LOVE FOR THE PEOPLE, EVEN WHEN HE IS GRIEVED BY THEM?

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS:

HOW ARE THE REASONS THAT THE ELDERS INITIALLY GAVE LIKE OUR REASONS
TODAY FOR CHOOSING OUR OWN WAYS INSTEAD OF KEEPING OUR KING?
WHERE DO YOU TAKE YOUR DISAPPOINTMENT WITH OTHER PEOPLE?
HOW CAN WE HAVE COMPASSION FOR THOSE WHO REJECT GOD?
WHAT DO YOU DO TO GUARD YOUR HEART SO YOU HEAR AND HEED WARNINGS
FROM GODLY PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE?
WHO IS YOUR KING, AND HOW DO OTHER PEOPLE KNOW IT?



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9:1-14

WHAT FACTORS HELP US UNDERSTAND SAUL'S BACKGROUND?
WHY ARE SAUL'S PHYSICAL TRAITS AND BACKGROUND IMPORTANT TO KNOW?
HOW IS SAUL SIMILAR TO ELI'S AND SAMUEL'S SONS? HOW IS HE DIFFERENT?
WHAT HINTS DO WE GET THAT SAUL WOULD BE A SUITABLE KING FOR ISRAEL?
WHAT PIECES DOES GOD MOVE TO BRING SAUL TOGETHER WITH HIS NEXT STEPS?

9:15-21

WHAT DID THE LORD TELL SAMUEL ABOUT HIS CHOICE FOR KING?
HOW MIGHT THIS PERSONAL ATTENTION TO PICKING A KING HELP SAMUEL'S
CONFIDENCE THAT GOD WAS STILL THE TRUE KING OF ISRAEL?
WHAT DOES SAMUEL DO WITH THE INFORMATION THAT GOD GIVES HIM?
WHY DOES SAMUEL KEEP GOD'S SELECTION OF SAUL SECRET FROM OTHERS?
HOW DOES SAUL'S RESPONSE TO SAMUEL'S REMARKS SHOW HUMILITY, AND ALSO
SHOW THAT SAUL HAS NO IDEA WHAT IS HAPPENING?

9:22-10:1

WHY DOES SAMUEL PLACE SAUL AT THE HEAD OF THE TABLE?
WHAT OTHER THINGS DOES SAMUEL DO TO LIFT SAUL'S STATUS ABOVE OTHERS?
HOW IS THE TREATMENT SAUL RECEIVES ODD, EVEN IN A HOSPITABLE SOCIETY?
WHY DOES SAMUEL KEEP THE ANOINTING OF SAUL SECRET FROM OTHERS?

10:1-15

WHAT DETAILS DOES SAMUEL GIVE TO CONFIRM SAUL'S ANOINTING?
ARE THESE TO PROVE SAMUEL'S PROPHETIC VOICE OR TO CONVINCE SAUL?
HOW DOES THE SPIRIT OF GOD IMPACT SAUL? WHAT DOES HE DO?
HOW DOES THIS SHOW SAUL THAT GOD IS WITH HIM TO HELP HIM AS KING?
WHY DOES SAUL NOW KEEP THE SECRET OF HIS IMPENDING KINGSHIP SECRET?

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS:

HOW DO PEOPLE DETERMINE WHO IS WORTHY TO LEAD US TODAY?
WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD'S HAND AT WORK IN YOUR LIFE IN THE PAST?
HOW CAN WE HAVE CONFIDENCE FOR OUR PRESENT AND FUTURE BASED ON GOD'S
PROVIDENTIAL GUIDING OUR PAST?
WHAT DANGERS CAN COME FROM ASSUMING EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS IS FROM
GOD AS OPPOSED TO EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS IS UNDER GOD'S CONTROL?
WHO CAN YOU SHARE YOUR STORY WITH REGARDING GOD'S DIRECTION IN LIFE?



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10:15-19

WHAT DID SAUL'S UNCLE ASK, AND WHAT WAS SAUL'S RESPONSE?
WHY DO YOU THINK SAUL KEPT HIS ANOINTING A SECRET?
HOW DID SAMUEL GATHER ALL THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL, ACCORDING TO VERSE 17?
WHY IS IT RELEVANT THAT THE PEOPLE ARE CALLED BEFORE THE LORD THAT DAY?
WHAT REBUKE DOES SAMUEL GIVE TO THE PEOPLE BEFORE PRESENTING THE KING?

10:20-24

WHAT DID SAMUEL DO TO NARROW DOWN THE SELECTION OF THE KING?
HOW WAS CASTING LOTS A WAY OF TRUSTING GOD FOR DIRECTION? (SEE PROVERBS 16:33)
WHAT DOES SAUL'S HIDING TELL US ABOUT HIS CHARACTER ON THIS OCCASION?
WHAT DOES SAMUEL APPEAL TO IN ORDER TO RESTORE SAUL'S PLACE? IS THIS SAUL'S ONLY VALUE, OR IS IT AN APPEAL TO APPEARANCE-BASED ISRAEL?
WHY MIGHT SOME PEOPLE HAVE NOT GIVEN ALLEGIANCE TO SAUL?
HOW DOES SAUL'S RESPONSE IN TOLERATING DISSENT PROVE TO BE HELPFUL?

11:1-11

WHAT IS THE FIRST CHALLENGE THAT THE NEW KING MUST FACE (SEE ALSO 8:20)?
WHAT HAS SAUL BEEN DOING WHEN HE HEARS OF THE THREAT TO HIS PEOPLE?
WHAT CHANGES IN SAUL TO EMPOWER HIM AS KING (V. 6) AND IN THE PEOPLE (V. 7)?
HOW DOES THE POWER OF GOD COMBINE WITH THE WORK OF PEOPLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GREAT VICTORY FOR ISRAEL AND SAUL?

11:12-15

WHAT IS THE PEOPLE'S DEMAND FOR THOSE WHO DIDN'T WANT SAUL TO BE KING?
HOW ARE SAUL'S WORDS NOT ONLY A DETERRENT TO VENGEANCE, BUT A TRIBUTE TO THE REAL VICTOR IN THE BATTLE?
WHAT RESPONSE DOES THIS BRING FROM THE PEOPLE, EVEN THOSE WHO DIDN'T WANT SAUL AS KING?
WHAT IS THE EMOTIONAL RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE TO WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS:

HOW DO WE RECOGNIZE SHORTCOMINGS IN OUR LIVES, ESPECIALLY SIN?
WHAT ARE THE AREAS OF LIFE THAT YOU WANT TO HIDE FROM OTHERS?
HOW CAN HAVING TRUST IN WHO GOD IS AND WHAT JESUS HAS DONE FOR US MOVE US FROM HIDING TO HONOR?
WHAT TYPE OF RESPONSE SHOULD YOU HAVE TO THOSE WHO SPEAK EVIL OF YOU?
WHO CAN YOU ENCOURAGE TO MOVE FROM HIDING TO STEPPING OUT IN FAITH?



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12:1-5

WHAT PROMPTS SAMUEL TO BID THE PEOPLE FAREWELL?
HOW DID SAMUEL DEMONSTRATE THAT HE WAS A FAITHFUL LEADER?
WHY MIGHT SAMUEL HAVE ASKED THE PEOPLE ABOUT HIS INTEGRITY?
WHY DOES SAMUEL APPEAL TO GOD AND THE KING TO TESTIFY TO HIS INTEGRITY?

12:6-11

WHY DID SAMUEL REMIND THEM OF GOD'S RIGHTEOUS WORKS FOR ISRAEL?
HOW HAS GOD HELPED ISRAEL IN THE PAST, ACCORDING TO SAMUEL?
WHAT DO THESE ACCOUNTS HAVE IN COMMON?
HOW ARE THESE STORIES EXAMPLES OF GOD ALREADY FULFILLING WHAT THE PEOPLE HAD ASKED FOR IN A KING?

12:12-18

WHAT IS THE CURRENT ISSUE THAT THE PEOPLE AREN'T TRUSTING GOD FOR?
WHY DOES SAMUEL KEEP REMINDING THE PEOPLE THAT THE LORD HAS PUT THEIR KING ON THE THRONE OF ISRAEL?
WHAT PROOF DOES SAMUEL (AND GOD) GIVE TO SHOW THE CONSEQUENCES OF REBELLING AGAIN NOW THAT THEY HAVE THEIR KING?
HOW DOES LOSING THEIR WHEAT CROP AFFECT THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE THREAT?

12:19-25

WHAT DO THE PEOPLE DO IN RESPONSE TO THIS DISPLAY OF GOD'S POWER?
WHAT ARE THE EMPTY THINGS THAT SAMUEL TELLS THE PEOPLE NOT TO TURN TO?
WHAT PROMISE DOES SAMUEL MAKE TO THE PEOPLE, AND WHY DOES HE MAKE IT?
HOW SHOULD THE PEOPLE SERVE THE LORD, ACCORDING TO VERSES 20 & 24?
HOW IS THIS SIMILAR TO HIS CHARGE TO THEM IN 7:3-4? WHAT IS DIFFERENT?

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS:

HOW DO OTHERS SEE OUR LIVES - AS FAITHFUL TO GOD OR FAITHFUL TO SELF?
WHAT WORKS OF GOD HAVE GIVEN YOU REASONS TO TRUST HIM GOING FORWARD?
WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR GOD TO KICK OUT SOME OF THE SINFUL THOUGHTS, WORDS, OR ACTIONS THAT YOU HAVE HAD KEPT UP IN YOUR LIFE?
WHO DO YOU FAITHFULLY PRAY FOR AND WHO DO YOU HELP TO WALK FAITHFULLY?



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13:1-4

WHAT COLLECTION OF PEOPLE ARE ASSEMBLED IN THIS PASSAGE AND WHERE?
HOW DOES HAVING A DIVIDED FORCE HELP TO DEFEND A REGION OR WIN A BATTLE?
HOW DID SAUL FAIL TO FOLLOW SAMUEL'S ORDERS IN 10:5-7 COMPLETELY?
WHY DOES JONATHAN'S VICTORY OVER THE GARRISON GET CREDITED TO SAUL?
WHAT DOES SAUL DO WHEN NEWS COMES TO HIM ABOUT JONATHAN'S VICTORY?

13:5-7

WHAT DOES JONATHAN'S MINOR VICTORY ELICIT IN THE PHILISTINES?
HOW DOES THE SIZE OF THEIR FORCE, COMPARED TO ISRAEL'S, LAUNCH A CRISIS?
WHAT DO THE ACTIONS OF THE ISRAELITES SHOW ABOUT THEIR STATE OF MIND?
HOW HAS SAUL'S FORCE BEEN DIMINISHED, AND HOW IS THIS LIKE GIDEON'S? (SEE JUDGES 7) HOW DOES THIS SET UP A GOD-DEPENDENT BATTLE?

13:8-15

WHEN DOES SAMUEL APPOINT A TIME FOR SAUL TO WAIT FOR HIM? (HINT: 10:7-8)
WHY DOES SAUL MOVE FORWARD INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR SAMUEL TO COME?
HOW DOES SAMUEL RESPOND (V. 13) TO THE EXCUSE OF SAUL (V. 12)?
WHY DOES SAMUEL NOT TREAT SAUL'S ACTIONS AS A WELL-INTENDED MISTAKE?
WHY DOES SAUL'S SACRIFICE COST HIM THE KINGDOM?

13:15-23

WHAT POWER DOES SAUL HAVE AGAINST THE GATHERING HUGE PHILISTINE ARMY?
WHAT DO RAIDERS GOING OUT PRODUCE IN A PEOPLE FACING SO GREAT A FORCE?
WHAT LIMITS DO THE ISRAELITES HAVE IN WEAPONRY? HOW IS THIS A DISADVANTAGE AGAINST THE IRON WEAPONS OF THE PHILISTINES?
WHERE WAS SAUL AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CHAPTER? WHO IS THERE AT THE END?

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS:

HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH PRESSURES IN YOUR LIFE? WHERE DO YOU TURN FIRST?
WHAT AREAS DO YOU STRUGGLE IN WHEN IT COMES TO WAITING ON THE LORD?
WHAT DECISIONS ARE YOU FACING THAT REQUIRE YOU TO TRUST GOD, AND NOT SIMPLY TRY TO HANDLE THINGS ON YOUR OWN?
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT SAUL LOSING THE KINGDOM - IS IT FAIR OF GOD TO DO SO WHEN IT SEEMS LIKE HE LETS OTHER THINGS GO?
WHO DO YOU KNOW THAT IS FEELING PRESSURE IN LIFE, AND WILL YOU POINT THEM TO GOD AS THEIR HOPE, EVEN WHEN THEY ARE STRUGGLING?



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14:1-15

HOW DOES THE TERRAIN OF THE AREA AFFECT THE SITUATION FOR ISRAEL?
WHY DO YOU THINK THAT JONATHAN WENT ALONE TO FIGHT THE GARRISON?
HOW DOES JONATHAN'S APPROACH TO THE BATTLE DEPEND ON GOD'S WILL?
WHY DOES JONATHAN ACT BOLDLY AND DECISIVELY AND ATTACK?
HOW IS JONATHAN'S TRUST IN GOD, AND ENSUING VICTORY, ADDED TO IN VERSE 15?

14:16-23

WHAT IS SAUL'S RESPONSE TO THE NEWS THAT THE PHILISTINES WERE RETREATING?
WHY IS SAUL'S INITIAL RESPONSE TO ADDRESS JONATHAN'S ABSENCE AT THE ARK?
HOW DOES THE VICTORY OVER THE PHILISTINES RALLY OTHER ISRAELITES?

14:24-35

WHAT FOOLISH ORDER DOES SAUL GIVE TO HIS SOLDIERS? WHY IS IT FOOLISH? (V. 30)
WHY DID THE CURSE OF THE KING CARRY EXTRA WEIGHT WITH HIS SOLDIERS?
WAS JONATHAN'S DISOBEDIENCE TO THE COMMAND OF SAUL DELIBERATE OR NOT?
IS JONATHAN BEING DISRESPECTFUL TO HIS FATHER, THE KING OF ISRAEL, AND IF HE IS, WHAT SHOULD THE CONSEQUENCE BE?
HOW DID THE ACTIONS OF THE SOLDIERS LEAD TO SAUL BUILDING AN ALTAR?

14:36-52

HOW DOES SAUL'S INITIAL RESPONSE LEAVE GOD OUT OF THE PICTURE (V. 36)?
HOW DOES GOD ANSWER SAUL? WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH 13:9?
IF IMPATIENCE LED TO A HARSH RESPONSE FROM GOD BEFORE, WHAT HAS SAUL LEARNED FROM HIS PRIOR SIN?
WHY DO THE PEOPLE RANSOM JONATHAN? HOW DOES THIS DEEPEN THE CONNECTION BETWEEN JONATHAN AND THE PEOPLE?
HOW DOES THE END OF THE CHAPTER SHOW THE FEAR OF SAUL WITHOUT GOD?

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS:

HOW DO YOU HANDLE CHALLENGES TO YOUR POSITION AT HOME OR AT WORK?
WHAT DECISIONS ARE IMPORTANT ENOUGH FOR YOU TO DEPEND ON THE LORD?
WHAT DECISIONS DO YOU NOT CONSULT GOD ABOUT?
WHAT MIGHT GOD BE CALLING YOU TO DO, IN BOLDNESS LIKE JONATHAN?
WHAT TIPS YOU OFF THAT SOMEONE IS NOT FOLLOWING GOD, EVEN IF THEY SAY THAT THEY ARE A CHRISTIAN OR GO TO CHURCH?
HOW DOES JESUS' REDEMPTION CONNECT YOU TO HIM?
WHAT IS THE CONDITION OF YOUR HEART: GOD-DEPENDENT AND BOLD OR FOOLISH?



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15:1-9

HOW DOES SAMUEL ADDRESS SAUL, EVEN WHEN HE SAID HE WOULDN'T BE KING WHO GIVES THE COMMAND TO COMPLETELY DESTROY AMALEK, AND WHY DOES HE? HOW DOES THIS COMMAND COMING FROM GOD CHANGE IT'S NATURE? HOW DOES SAUL'S VICTORY SHOW THAT GOD HASN'T ABANDONED ISRAEL? HOW DOES THE WARNING TO THE KENITES SHOW COMPASSION? WHY WOULD SAUL AND THE PEOPLE KEEP AGAG THE KING AND THE GOOD SPOIL?

15:10-16

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT GOD REGRETTED MAKING SAUL KING? WHY DOES HE? HOW DOES SAMUEL'S REACTION SHOW US WHAT WAS IN HIS HEART TOWARD SAUL? HOW DOES SAUL SETTING UP A MONUMENT FOR HIMSELF SHOW HIS PRIDE? WHAT LIE DOES SAUL BEGIN WITH, AND HOW DOES HE SHIFT BLAME TO GOD? WHAT SUBTLE BLAME SHIFTS DO SAUL MAKE FROM V. 13 TO V. 15?

15:17-23

WHY DOES SAMUEL REMIND SAUL THAT HE IS THE KING OF ISRAEL? WHAT ACCUSATION DOES SAMUEL MAKE REGARDING THE ROOT OF SAUL'S ACTIONS? HOW DOES SAUL TRY TO AVOID PUNISHMENT IN HIS DEFENSIVENESS IN V. 20-21? WHAT DOES SAMUEL'S REBUKE TELL US ABOUT GOING THROUGH RELIGIOUS MOTIONS, THINKING THAT THEY WILL SOMEHOW PLEASE GOD? WHAT COMPARISONS DOES SAMUEL MAKE IN V. 22-23?

15:24-31

WHY DOES SAUL NOW CONFESS HIS SINS, AND WHAT EXCUSE DOES HE MAKE? WHAT REQUEST DOES SAUL MAKE OF SAMUEL? WHAT WOULD THIS PROVIDE HIM? HOW DOES THE RIPPING OF SAMUEL'S ROBE SHOW WHAT GOD IS DOING TO SAUL? WHAT DOES DECLARING THAT THE KINGDOM WOULD BE GIVEN TO A NEIGHBOR MEAN FOR SAUL'S SON, JONATHAN? HOW DO SAMUEL'S WORDS ABOUT GOD'S REGRET AFFECT SAUL?

15:32-35

WHAT DOES SAMUEL DO TO AGAG, THE AMALEKITE KING? HOW IS THIS NOT JUST ANGER OR CRUELTY? HOW DOES THIS CHAPTER ENDING ON A SAD NOTE SUMMARIZE SAUL'S KINGSHIP?

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS:

WHY IS OBEDIENCE BETTER THAN SACRIFICE? WHAT METHODS DO YOU USE TO JUSTIFY OR SHIFT BLAME WHEN CAUGHT IN SIN? HOW DOES GOD SHOW HIMSELF TO BE A GOD OF SECOND CHANCES? WHAT REGRETS DO YOU HAVE? WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THOSE REGRETS?



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16:1-5

WHY WAS SAMUEL GRIEVING OVER SAUL? HOW DOES GOD MOVE SAMUEL ALONG?
WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT THE WAY THE KING IS SELECTED THIS TIME (V. 1)?
WHAT IS SAMUEL'S FEAR, AND WHY WOULD HE WORRY ABOUT IT?
IS GOD TELLING SAMUEL TO BE DECEPTIVE, AND WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT?
WHAT DANGER DID SAMUEL'S PRESENCE BRING TO THE PEOPLE OF BETHLEHEM?

15:6-11

WHAT CLUES DO WE HAVE THAT ELIAB WOULD BE THOUGHT OF AS KING MATERIAL?
HOW ARE THESE TRAITS SIMILAR TO SAUL'S? IS THIS IMPORTANT TO GOD?
WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT GOD REJECTED ELIAB?
HOW DOES GOD JUDGE THE QUALITY AND QUALIFICATION OF A PERSON?
WHAT DOES GOD'S REJECTION OF ALL OF JESSE'S OTHER SONS TELL YOU ABOUT HIS INTENTIONS IN PROVIDING AND SELECTING THE NEXT KING FOR ISRAEL?

15:12-18

HOW DOES THE AUTHOR DESCRIBE DAVID'S OUTWARD APPEARANCE?
HOW MIGHT GOD'S SELECTION OF DAVID, WHEN ALL WE KNOW ABOUT HIS IS HIS OUTWARD APPEARANCE, SEEM TO CONTRADICT HIS EARLIER WORDS?
WHT DOES IT MEAN THAT THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD RUSHED UPON DAVID?
HOW LONG DID THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD REMAIN ON DAVID (V. 13)? HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM THE NEXT VERSE?
WHERE DOES THE HARMFUL SPIRIT THAT TORMENTS SAUL COME FROM?
HOW DOES MUSIC HELP SAUL WHEN TORMENTED? DOES MUSIC WORK THIS WAY?
HOW IS DAVID DESCRIBED, AND HOW DO THEY KNOW THIS ABOUT HIM?

15:19-23

HOW DOES DAVID COME INTO SERVICE FOR SAUL?
WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SAUL AND DAVID, ON THE SURFACE?
WHY MIGHT SAUL LOVE DAVID - AS A PERSON OR AS A SOURCE OF RELIEF?
HOW DOES DAVID'S POSITIONING ALLOW HIM TO SEE THE WORK OF A KING?

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS:

WHY WOULD THE LORD NOT JUDGE ON OUTWARD APPEARANCE LIKE MEN DO?
WHAT DO YOU THINK WENT THROUGH SAMUEL'S MIND AS SEVEN OF JESSE'S SONS WENT PAST AND THERE WAS NO ONE LEFT? DO YOU EVER FEEL LIKE THIS?
HOW DOES THE HARMFUL SPIRIT COMING FROM GOD FIT WITH YOUR THEOLOGY?
WHAT PLACES HAS GOD PUT YOU THAT PREPARED YOU FOR FUTURE SERVICE?
WHO DO YOU JUDGE FROM OUTWARD APPEARANCE? WHO ARE YOU CLOSE ENOUGH TO THAT YOU KNOW THEIR HEART, REGARDLESS OF HOW THEY LOOK



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HOW DOES THE TERRAIN DESCRIBED BRING A SPECTACLE NATURE TO THE BATTLE?
WHAT DO YOU NOTICE ABOUT THE DESCRIPTION OF GOLIATH BESIDES HIS SIZE?
WHAT TAUNTS DOES GOLIATH THROW AT THE ISRAELITE TROOPS?
HOW IS GOD BEING DEFIED BY GOLIATH'S CHALLENGES?
HOW DOES SAUL'S STANCE SHOW HIS PAST WEAKNESS AND LACK OF GOD'S SPIRIT?

17:12-30

WHO DO WE MEET FROM JESSE'S FAMILY? WHAT IS DAVID DOING DURING THIS?
WHAT IS DAVID'S VIEW OF THE GIANT'S WORDS? WHO DOES HE SEE HIM DEFYING?
WHAT IS THE REWARD FOR DEFEATING GOLIATH? HOW IS THIS A GREAT REWARD?
HOW DOES DAVID'S BROTHER RESPOND, AND HOW DOES THIS SHOW HIS HEART?
WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT WHY GOD REJECTED HIM AS KING MATERIAL (16:7)?

17:31-47

HOW ARE DAVID'S WORDS (32) MORE APPROPRIATE COMING FROM SAUL'S MOUTH?
WHAT LIMITATIONS DOES SAUL ASSUME ABOUT DAVID?
WHAT FAITH DOES DAVID HAVE IN GOD, AND WHAT WAS THAT FAITH BASED ON?
HOW IS SAUL'S ARMOR AN INSUFFICIENT COVERING FOR DAVID? WHY DOES DAVID NOT USE SOMEONE ELSE'S ARMOR?
WHAT DOES GOLIATH THINK ABOUT DAVID? HOW ARE HIS DESCRIPTIONS RECEIVED?
WHO IS THE FOCUS OF DAVID'S RESPONSE TO GOLIATH?
HOW IS DECLARING GOD THE OWNER OF THE BATTLE REASSURING FOR ISRAEL?

17:48-58

WHAT IS DAVID'S APPROACH TO THE BATTLE AGAINST GOLIATH?
WHY IS DAVID'S CHOICE OF WEAPON HELPFUL FOR HIS VICTORY?
WHY DOES DAVID REMOVE GOLIATH'S HEAD FROM HIM? (V. 46)
HOW DOES SAUL'S QUESTION TO ABNER SHOW A LACK OF DETAIL IN SAUL'S LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION?
WHY MIGHT SAUL WANT TO KNOW WHOSE SON DAVID IS? (HINT: VERSE 25)

THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS:

WHY DO PEOPLE TEND TO PUT THEMSELVES IN THE STORY AT DAVID'S POSITION?
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE FAMILY DYNAMICS BETWEEN DAVID AND HIS BROTHERS? HOW IS IT LIKE JOSEPH AND HIS BROTHERS?
WHAT LIMITATIONS DO PEOPLE PUT ON YOU, LIKE SAUL ASSUMED OF DAVID?
WHAT EVIDENCE DO YOU HAVE OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS, WHICH HELP YOU WHEN YOU FACE DAILY OR SPECIAL BATTLES?
WHAT BATTLES ARE YOU FACING RIGHT NOW WHICH SEEM UNSURMOUNTABLE?
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SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED WITH ANOTHER PERSON TODAY. THIS IS A GOOD WAY TO HAVE ACCOUNTABILITY IN YOUR DECISIONS AND TO ENCOURAGE OTHERS WITH WHAT YOU ARE LEARNING.

