

The Kingmaker

The Judge

I Samuel 7.15 12

Everybody follows somebody. Make sure that somebody is worth following.

The Last And Greatest

7.15 Now Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

12.1 Then Samuel said to all Israel, "Behold, I have listened to your voice in all that you said to me and I have appointed a king over you.

2 Now, here is the king walking before you, but I am old and gray, and behold my sons are with you. And I have walked before you from my youth even to this day.

3 Here I am; bear witness against me before the Lord and His anointed. Whose ox have I taken, or whose donkey have I taken, or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed, or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? I will restore it to you."

How Samuel lived mattered.
Samuel listened to the people
Samuel lived with the people
Samuel loved the people

19 Then all the people said to Samuel, "Pray for your servants to the Lord your God, so that we may not die, for we have added to all our sins *this* evil by asking for ourselves a king."

20 Samuel said to the people, "Do not fear. You have committed all this evil, yet do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart.

21 You must not turn aside, for *then you would go* after futile things which can not profit or deliver, because they are futile. 22 For the Lord will not abandon His people on account of His great name, because the Lord has

been pleased to make you a people for Himself.

23 Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you; but I will instruct you in the good and right way.

24 Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you. 25 But if you still do wickedly, both you and your king will be swept away.”

What Samuel said mattered
Samuel confronted the people
Samuel comforted the people
Samuel challenged the people

Samuel did not call people to follow either him or a king, but to follow the Lord.

Everybody follows somebody

Someone is leading you on matters of faith and God

Is Jesus really worth following?

How did Jesus live and treat people?

What did Jesus say, teach, proclaim?

What does Jesus ask of you?

What does Jesus promise you?