

1 & 2 SAMUEL

LEGENDARY

“When God’s Answer to Prayer is NOT What You Expect”

INTRO: *Samuel was raised up to transition Israel from a Judgeship to a Monarchy. When the people asked for a king, were they not asking in earnest and with the best intentions? Why then was God upset?*

I. God desires that _____ ask Him for what is consistent with His revealed _____ (8:1-22). *God’s plan for Israel included a Monarchy (cf. Deuteronomy 17:14-15), but one that would maintain Israel’s distinction among nations.*

II. Improperly _____ requests may receive God’s _____ in His _____. *The request of the Elders was telling; they wanted a king “like all the nations” (1 Sam. 8:5, 20).*

III. When God _____ to our request with _____, reconsider our _____ (9:1-11:15). *There are three questions that Believers should ask.*

A. _____.
Israel’s desired characteristics in a king were no challenge to God (1 Samuel 9:1-2; 11:1-22).

B. _____.
Saul’s flaws should have been evident (1 Samuel 9:3-10:27).

C. _____.
Israel should have asked for a leader “after God’s heart,” (Cf. Genesis 49:9-12; 1 Samuel 13:14).