



1. What was wrong with Samuel appointing his sons as judges?
2. What was the difference between a king and a judge?
3. **The judge Gideon (Judges 8:23) was offered the throne of Israel – why did he refuse?** (*But Gideon said to them, “I will not rule over you, and my son will not rule over you; the Lord shall rule over you.”*)
4. While it was wise for the elders of Israel to reject Samuel's sons as leaders, why was it was wrong for them to say, "Now make for us a king to judge us like all the nations?"
5. Why did Israel's request for a king displease Samuel?
6. **Discussion:** Had not God shown Himself to be a worthy King, and didn't He demonstrate His ability to lead the nation, and demonstrate it over and over again? Who else have we rejected, and how do we reject God today?
7. **Describe the behaviors of the king?**
8. **A servant cannot have two masters (Matthew 6:24). Describe the conflict in the hearts of the people in Israel. When they cry out, who will answer them?** "*No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [money, possessions, fame, status, or whatever is valued more than the Lord].*"
9. **God did not want Israel to be like the other nations – what did God want for Israel?** Read Exodus 9:5-8 "*Now therefore, if you will in fact obey My voice and keep My covenant (agreement), then you shall be My own special possession and treasure from among all peoples [of the world], for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation [set apart for My purpose].’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.’ So Moses called for the elders of the people, and told them all these words which the LORD commanded him. All the people answered together and said, ‘We will do everything that the LORD has spoken.’ And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.*"
10. **Can we escape God's sovereignty?**