

1 Samuel 8:1-22

## - **Be weary of what you allow to rule over you!**

- Our first commandment commitment means nothing gets to compete with King Jesus.
- We are called to examine what drives our desire for a different king.  
(On the surface Israel wanted a king because everyone else around them had one...

“...they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me being king over them.” (1 Samuel 8:7)

- The question of kingship or ruling authority is matter of life and death.

## - **Living under the illusion of freedom still makes you a subject!**

- Allowing anything else to become king in God’s place is a willful rejection of His gifts!
- God warns us with the natural consequences of rebellion.

- “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you...” (1 Samuel 8:10-18)

- “...For in the day you eat of it you shall surely die.” (Genesis 2:17)

- “...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...” (Romans 3:23)

- The kings we choose ensure we are the subjects of the shadows while the King that chooses us and calls us to be a part of HIS family!

## - **The King of kings STILL has power and authority every other!**

- Not every authority is God-pleasing, but every authority is still God-ordained!
  - God NEVER leaves his creatures, even when they reject Him as their king!
  - When authority demands disobedience against God appeal to a higher citizenship!
  - We are ALWAYS called to rebel against sin!

- Keeping our eyes fixed on Christ as King keeps the rest of the kingdom in perspective!

- While the Devil desires to make us subjects in his kingdom of shadows, Christ is still King!

“...at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

(Philippians 2:9-11)



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