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## The Monarchy

### A. Samuel, changing season

#### 1. Godly people in seasons of ungodliness

1 Samuel 8:7, 9 (NIV®)

<sup>7</sup> And the Lord told him: "**Listen to all that the people are saying to you**; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. . . . <sup>9</sup> **Now listen to them**; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will do."

1 Samuel 8:19-22 (NIV®)

<sup>19</sup> But **the people refused to listen to Samuel**. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. <sup>20</sup> Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles." <sup>21</sup> When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the Lord. <sup>22</sup> **The Lord answered, "Listen to them** and give them a king." Then Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Everyone go back to his town."

#### 2. Lessons in \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Saul, the first king

#### 1. God selected

1 Samuel 9:1-2, 10:1 (NIV®)

<sup>1</sup> There was a Benjamite, a man of standing, whose name was Kish . . . <sup>2</sup> He had a son named Saul, an impressive young man without equal among the Israelites--a head taller than any of the others. . . .

<sup>1</sup> Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Has not the Lord anointed you leader over his inheritance?"

#### 2. Forfeiture of privilege ---pride

1 Samuel 15:16-19 (NIV®)

<sup>16</sup> "Stop!" Samuel said to Saul. "Let me tell you what the Lord said to me last night." "Tell me," Saul replied. <sup>17</sup> Samuel said, "**Although you were once small in your own eyes**, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel. <sup>18</sup> And he sent you on a mission, saying, 'Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; make war on them until you have wiped them out.' <sup>19</sup> **Why did you not obey the Lord?** (hear/listen) Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the Lord?"

1 Samuel 15:26 (NIV®)

<sup>26</sup> But Samuel said to him, "I will not go back with you. You have rejected the word of the Lord, and **the Lord has rejected you as king over Israel!**"

## C. David, the unique king

### 1. God selected

1 Samuel 16:11-13 (NIV®)

<sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered, "but he is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." <sup>12</sup> So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one." <sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and **from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power.**

### 2. Failures

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_

2 Samuel 7:8-9 (NIV®)

<sup>8</sup> "Now then, tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture and from following the flock to be ruler over my people Israel. <sup>9</sup> I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. **Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men of the earth.**

Isaiah 37:33-35 (NIV®)

<sup>33</sup> "Therefore this is what the Lord says concerning the king of Assyria: "He will not enter this city or shoot an arrow here. He will not come before it with shield or build a siege ramp against it. <sup>34</sup> By the way that he came he will return; he will not enter this city," declares the Lord. <sup>35</sup> "I will defend this city and save it, **for my sake and for the sake of David my servant!**"

## D. Solomon, the "wise" king

### 1. God anointed

2 Chronicles 1:7-12 (NIV®)

<sup>7</sup> That night God appeared to Solomon and said to him, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." <sup>8</sup> Solomon answered God, "You have shown great kindness to David my father and have made me king in his place. <sup>9</sup> Now, Lord God, let your promise to my father David be confirmed, for you have made me king over a people who are as numerous as the dust of the earth. <sup>10</sup> Give me wisdom and knowledge, that I may lead this people, for who is able to govern this great people of yours?" <sup>11</sup> God said to Solomon, "**Since this is your heart's desire** and you have not asked for wealth, riches or honor, nor for the death of your enemies, and since you have not asked for a long life but for wisdom and knowledge to govern my people over whom I have made you king, <sup>12</sup> therefore wisdom and knowledge will be given you. And I will also give you wealth, riches and honor, such as no king who was before you ever had and none after you will have."

2. Royalty

3. \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 11:3-6 (NIV®)

<sup>3</sup> He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. <sup>4</sup> As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been. <sup>5</sup> He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molech the detestable god of the Ammonites. <sup>6</sup> So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the Lord; he did not follow the Lord completely, as David his father had done.

**PRAYER**

Heavenly Father, give me listening ears and a receptive heart that I may cooperate with You. Give me the discernment to recognize the invitations of the Holy Spirit and the humility to follow. Today, I humble myself before You, my God and my Creator. May Jesus of Nazareth be acknowledged as Lord through my words and actions. Give me wisdom to fulfill Your purposes for my life, may Your people be strengthened through the gifts You have entrusted to me. In Jesus' name, amen.

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