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Be Careful What You Pray for, You Just Might Get It

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- 1 Samuel 8:1 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.
- 1 Samuel 8:2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: *they were* judges in Beersheba.
- 1 Samuel 8:3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.
- 1 Samuel 8:4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,
- 1 Samuel 8:5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.
- 1 Samuel 8:6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.
- 1 Samuel 8:7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Harken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.
- 1 Samuel 8:8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.
- 1 Samuel 8:9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.
- 1 Samuel 8:10 And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king.
- 1 Samuel 8:11 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, and *to be* his horsemen; and *some* shall run before his chariots.
- 1 Samuel 8:12 And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and *will set them* to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.
- 1 Samuel 8:13 And he will take your daughters *to be* confectionaries, and *to be* cooks, and *to be* bakers.

- 1 Samuel 8:14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, *even the best of them*, and give *them* to his servants.
- 1 Samuel 8:15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.
- 1 Samuel 8:16 And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put *them* to his work.
- 1 Samuel 8:17 He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants.
- 1 Samuel 8:18 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.
- 1 Samuel 8:19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;
- 1 Samuel 8:20 That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.
- 1 Samuel 8:21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.
- 1 Samuel 8:22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

1 Samuel if you look at chapters 8-15, the chapters that covers the early life of Saul. They also record Saul and his sins that he committed and even leads up to his rejection, as being king over Israel. I don't want to talk about that tonight. I want to talk about that at some point, but tonight I want to talk about what I read to here from chapter 8.

As I thought this week, I have been reading on this and studying about this and about the character of Saul and all that Saul did in his rejection of God, his disobedience to God, his pride and all that he did. As I read and studied this week, I really mean this from the bottom of my heart; I think if we look at the life of Saul and what he did and how he lived, we can see ourselves in some of these places sometimes. Because we are human. Saul did some things that were not right. Because of what he did, he suffered drastically for it. I do mean that. I do think that there are times in life that we can put ourselves and some of the characteristics that characterized Saul's life will characterize our life.

As we think here about this story, remember up to this point the people had been govern by judges for years and years. They would have a judge in a different part of the land and a different part of the country. They would judge that area for a while. We know that people would follow the Lord and listen to the Lord for a while then they would sin. We know that God would raise up the enemy and he would come. He would judge the people. Sometimes it took many years to get people to repent. However, after a

while when they suffered long enough and when they came to themselves, do you know what they would do? They would repent. God would forgive them. God would bless them for a while then they would fall right back into the same sin and do the same thing over again.

If you read the book of judges, you will find out that during that time the Bible says that men did that which seemed right in their own eyes. That is what they did. They just lived after the...dictates of their own heart. Even though they had God's Word and they knew what God said, they had judges there that God ordained and laid His hand upon and put them there; they did not pay a lot attention to them. However, they lived...and did what they wanted to.

When we get to chapter 8 here, we are going to read the story about a nation that is praying for something. They are praying for something that is going to cause them all kinds of issues.

I thought this week, as I studied on this and thought about this, sometimes in life, we pray for things we don't need. Sometimes in life we pray for things and we ask God that when we get them, it will be a disaster. That is what these people were doing.

They were praying. They wanted something and they continually wanted something. After a while, God said, okay.

There is the permissive will of God. What I mean by that is this. There are things that God will allow in our lives, that He will permit in our lives that is not what He wants for our lives, that is not what He desires for our lives, but there are things that when you and I and His own people here; when they desired something here—it wasn't in God's will. God was their king.

He had saved them. He had brought them...Egypt. He had made them a nation in one day. He is the one that blessed them and gave them the promised land. He had done all of that. All they needed to do was just simply listen to His voice. It wasn't God's will, it wasn't God's perfect will for them to have a king. However, they were persistent in their asking for a king. We want a king. We want somebody, we want to be like the other nations. All these Canaanites around us, the Hittites, Perizzites, and all these dudes; all these nations around us have their own king. We want to be like them. We want to be like the other nations. We want someone that will go before us and fight our battles for us. We just want to be like everyone else.

Samuel, you are getting old. Your sons here, you have made them judges. They are not living right. They are sinning and taking bribes. They are not executing judgement right, Samuel. They had all kinds of reasons for the reason that they wanted a king, but the reason was that they were disobeying Almighty God. That was the reason. They were not listening to the voice of Almighty God. They were asking and they continued to ask, until finally God said, okay. If that is what you want, then that is what I am going

to let you have. If that is what you want in life, if that is what you want to do in life; then I am going to let you do that but you are not going to like it.

In my own personal life, there have been times that I have prayed for things that after a while I got them. However, I did not like it after I got it. God allowed me to get it. God allowed me to have it. God allowed me to do it but after I got it, I figured out that hey, that wasn't...I did not need it. It got me in trouble. It cost me money. It cost me a lot of things...it cost me a lot of hurt and harm. It cost a lot of different things. Sometimes in life we don't give that a thought. We don't ever think about what we are praying about and about what we are asking God for. We don't think about the consequences or what is going to come when God answers a prayer that we pray. If God answers the prayer that we are praying, what is going to come out of it? What is going to happen? What is going to be the end result of God answering our prayer? The things we might be praying about today, what is the end result? What is going to happen? What is God going to bring about? What is going to be brought about when the prayers are answered that we have prayed this day, what is going to be the end result for them.

I am going to tell you something. We need to think about that as we pray. We need to think about that as we go through life because sometimes we don't always pray right. Sometimes we ask for things we don't need. We don't need them. We shouldn't even be asking for them, as these people shouldn't but they were disobedient to God.

Their excuse was that Samuel is old and his sons are not doing any good. They are sinning. We want to be like everybody else. We want to be like all the other nations. We want to be like everybody down the road and over the hill. We want to be like them.

1 Samuel 8:6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

The Bible tells us here that when they do that—when you read verse 6, it tells us here that this thought and this prayer they were praying absolutely, no doubt in my mind, the Bible says here it displeased Samuel. It probably broke his heart. When he hears the leaders of Israel, people who should have been in tune with the God of heaven, and should have been on fire for God and leading people in the right way and teaching people about God, and the holiness and sanctity of God; they are praying now we don't want him any longer. We don't want him to lead us, but we want our own king to lead us. This broke Samuel's heart. Do you know why? Because Samuel knew what was going to happen. Samuel knew that this people that they were persistent in what they were doing. Samuel knew enough about God that Samuel knew that there would come a time that God would say, okay. If that is what you want in life then this is what you are going to get. The Bible says in verse 6 that it displeased Samuel, when they said give us a king to judge us.

1 Samuel 8:6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

The Bible says here that Samuel went to the Lord in prayer. Do you know what he did not do? He did not run up and down the road. He did not do a lot of different stuff. Do you know what he needed? Do you know what he knew he needed? He knew he needed to talk to the God of heaven. He knew what God was going to do. He knew that when God allowed a king to come, Samuel knew how they were going to suffer, and what was going to happen in their lives. Samuel knew that.

Samuel knew that when God no longer rules and reigns in my life and in people's lives then somebody is going to be reigning and Samuel knew that it was going to be the wrong individual.

The Bible says that he goes to the Lord.

Get this.

1 Samuel 8:7 And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

Do you know what God says? Samuel, give them whatever they want. Give them whatever they want. Whatever they are asking, whatever they are asking; you give it. Let them have it. That is what they want. That is what they are praying for. That is what they are doing. God knew they were rejecting Him. God knew that they had already rejected Him. The rejection had started a long time before this happened. God knew where they were at. God knew exactly where they were at.

Samuel prayed. Samuel's heart was no doubt, broken. Do you know what God said? Give them whatever they are asking. Let them have it.

Now what the people did not know, and they are going to hear here. What the people did not know is what it was going to cost them. There is a cost—get this—there is a cost to things that we pray for that is not in God's will that God will permit us to have; there is a cost. Sometimes it is a cost that is way beyond what we want to pay.

Listen. It is. These folks are going to learn that. However, it was too late then. They were persistent. They wanted a king. They wanted to be like everybody else. They did not want to trust the God of heaven. They did not want to listen to His voice. They would not follow His Word. Now God says that is enough. Give them what they asked for.

Listen. God does that. God did that. I think God is still yet doing that today. When we choose, when men choose, when I or you...choose to disobey God, after a while; God says okay. Do you know what He does? He lets us walk on our own. Do you know what we find out very quick? We can't do so hot on our own. We get ourselves in a mess quickly.

1 Samuel 8:8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.

God says, from the time I brought them out of Egypt they have forsaken me. Hundreds of years have passed. I laid my arm bare. I brought them from Egypt. I made them a nation in one day. I gave them this land. All these hundreds of years, they have forsaken me even unto this day. Samuel give them what they want. God is a very patient God but there is a time when God's patience ends. Amen! Read the book. If you don't believe that then you don't know anything about the God of heaven. There is a time when God says, enough is enough.

Do you know what? He is going to say that for this world one day soon and very soon. He is going to say enough is enough. I will give people time to repent. I will give them time to change. I will give them time to make things right with me. Enough is enough. Do you know what is going to happen? All hell is going to break loose on planet earth. That is very near. If you see what is happening, if you hear some of the things that have been announced on national news in the last three or four days; it will teach you—if you know anything about scripture—that we have to be living very near the end.

Sometimes I don't watch the news much. This may have been going on for a while and you all may know this. Two of our states in America now, one of them I think has already done it. I know one of them out west are putting legislation together to allow, or they might mandate employers to insert chips under their employees' skin. In that chip, it tells everything about that employee. Where they live. Where they work. When they were born. Their Social Security numbers. Their bank cards. Everything that needs to be known about this individual; they are inserting it in under their skin. You say well what does that have to do with anything. Well, read your book. It should get your attention because we are living very near the end.

Here is what happens. God says they have rejected me for all these years. Give them what they want.

1 Samuel 8:9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

Do you know what that means? God says, give them what they want, but you tell them solemnly, you warn them this is what is coming. They can choose their king. Give them what they want. However, this is what is coming. When they choose a king instead of me, when they choose someone to reign over them instead of me, this is what is coming. There is going to be a horrible price they are going to pay when God answers their prayer.

Listen. Serious stuff in our lives. Life is serious folks. The decisions that we make in life have consequences. Sometimes they are great consequences. Sometimes they

are not great consequences. The majority of the messes that I have ever got in life is because of bad decisions that I made; things that I should not have done. Listening to the wrong voice. Loafing with the wrong crowd. Doing the wrong thing. Being impatient as Saul was. Being disobedient as Saul was. Being lifted up in pride as Saul was. Those things have got me in trouble over the years. Do you know what it will do? It got Israel in trouble. It will get you in trouble also.

1 Samuel 8:9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

In other words, you tell them solemnly. You warn them. You tell them this is what is coming. This is what is coming. When the prayer is answered, this is what is coming.

1 Samuel 8:10 And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king.

Here is what I want to talk about tonight. There is a phrase and a couple of three words is used many times in these next verses.

1 Samuel 8:11 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, and *to be* his horsemen; and *some* shall run before his chariots.

In other words, this is what the king that is going to be reigning over you is going to do. He says here...

1 Samuel 8:11 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, and *to be* his horsemen; and *some* shall run before his chariots.

“He will take...” get that.

1 Samuel 8:12 And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; and *will set them* to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.

In other words, they are going to be answering to the people. Do you know what he is saying? He is going to take your sons. If you want a king that is fine. Here is your prayer answered. He w-i-l-l...not perhaps, or maybe, or by chance; God says, he will take your sons. He will make servants out of them. He will make slaves out of them. He will take their freedom away from them. They will no longer be able to live as they want to live but they are going to be serving him. He is going to be their master. They are not going to be able to have a free will and do what they want to. They are not going to be able to freely worship the God of heaven. They are going to have to serve

him and reap the fields, and be all servants and slaves. That is what is going to happen to your sons. He will take your sons.

Listen folks. Sometimes the prayers when they get answered; we lose a lot. The Bible says...

1 Samuel 8:13 And he will take your daughters *to be* confectionaries, and *to be* cooks, and *to be* bakers.

“He will take your daughters...” “he will.” The king you are asking to reign over you; he will not only take your sons and make slaves out of them, but he is going to take your daughters. He will take daughters.

1 Samuel 8:13 And he will take your daughters *to be* confectionaries, and *to be* cooks, and *to be* bakers.

Do you know what that means? He is going to make slaves out of them also. They are going to cook and clean. They are going to walk around in the castle and blow perfume everywhere but their free will and being able to do what they want to is going to be gone. They are not going to be able to live like that want to. They are not going to be able to live their own lives. They are going to be serving another master and he is going to be the king that is going to be reigning over you.

Get this. Not only will he take the sons, the daughters but look what happens here.

1 Samuel 8:14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, *even the best of them*, and give *them* to his servants.

The king that you are praying for, the king that you are asking to rule over you, not only will he take your sons, your family, your daughters, your children but he is going to take your fields. The land that I gave to you, that I purchased for you, that I have given to you; he is going to take it away from you. Something that I gave you, something that is yours, and you are to live on and have it, and enjoy it and raise your sons and daughters; the prayer that you are praying when it is answered the king is going to take that all away—your sons, your daughters, your fields the very vineyards that you have and the vineyards that you eat from and where your fruits are all at. The Bible says even your oliveyards, even the best of them; he is going to take them and give that to his servants. He is not going to keep it for himself.

Could you imagine somebody coming to your house? A prayer that you have been praying for and they come in and say, hey, your prayer has been answered. We are going to take your sons and daughters and we are going to take them and they are going to work for us. You are going to have to move out of here because we are going to take this place and give it to somebody else. That is what he did do. That is what they were praying for. They thought it was cool. They thought it was fine. They thought it was going to be okay. We want to be like everybody else. However, they forgot that the God of heaven had them in the hallow of His hand.

God takes it very seriously when you and I reject Him. When we turn our back on Him, God takes that very seriously.

Get this.

1 Samuel 8:15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.

Do you know what that means? The very thing that they had been working for and raising, and the thing that they needed to plant in the ground to have something to eat—next year he is going to take a tenth of it.

1 Samuel 8:15 And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants.

The things that you work for, the things that you have labored for, the things that God has blessed you to have and you have it, your land, your vineyard, your children; he is going to take all of that away. That is what your answered prayer is going to bring. You are praying a prayer and when it is answered this is what is going to happen. The Bible says...

1 Samuel 8:16 And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put *them* to his work.

“he will take...” That is what the enemy does folks. He always takes. Satan always takes. He never gives you anything. He always takes.

1 Samuel 8:16 And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put *them* to his work.

That is what your king is going to do. When the prayer you pray is answered this is what is going to happen.

1 Samuel 8:17 He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants.

Do you get that? He is going to take your sons, your daughters. He is going to take your land. He is going to take your seed. He is going to take your crops. He is going to take you vineyards, your oliveyards, everything that you have; he is going to take it. You are going to become his servant. No longer a servant of Jehovah, of Yahweh, no longer a servant of Him. You are going to become a servant of the king that you have prayed for and God is going to answer your prayer then this is what is coming. This is what is going to happen.

You would think that these people would have had enough respect for Samuel and had enough respect for the God of heaven and to see what God had done all these years; you would have thought when they heard this man speak, you would have thought; we don't want that. We don't want to lose our homes and our kids, our family, our monies, our seeds and our servants. We don't want to be a servant unto this guy. You would have thought that would be their response. Wouldn't you? However, it was not.

Get this.

1 Samuel 8:18 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day.

Do you get that? God says this is what is going to happen. He is going to take your sons, your daughters, your land, your vineyards, your sheep, your seed, your manservants, your maidservants; he is going to take it all. There is going to be a day that you are going to be crying out to God because of what your king is doing. However, He says, when you do on that day, God will not listen. God is not going to hear you. God is not going to be paying any attention to you. Do you know why? Because God said, hey, I have had enough. If you want to live this way, and you want a king then I am going to permit that to happen. However, you are not going to like it. you are going to suffer like you never thought you could suffer. You would have thought they would have said, we don't want a king. We will just go back to serving and worshipping Jehovah. Do you know what the next verse says?

1 Samuel 8:19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;

Do you know what the word *nevertheless* means? Despite all the things that Samuel just said, of all the disaster, tragedies, and the loss of money and property and everything they are going to lose they said *nevertheless*, in spite of all what he said; the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel...

1 Samuel 8:19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;

It does not make much sense. Does it? Do you know what that tells me? They did not believe what God had to say. They did not believe what God was trying to tell them. They thought it would never happen to them. They thought it would never happen to them. However, do you know what happened? It did!

1 Samuel 8:20 That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.

Well, it did not work out quite like they had planned. It did not work out that way at all. Disaster came.

1 Samuel 8:21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD.

1 Samuel 8:22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

God told them what was going to happen. God warned them what was going to happen. God told them the judgement that was going to come if this was what they

chose. Do you know what they said? That is okay. We will accept that. We will take that chance. We accept that. I don't think things will be quite that bad Samuel. Probably some of them thought.

However, when you and I, and I said in the beginning; it is a serious thing what we pray for. It is serious thing in what we ask God for. These people did not think much about it. They prayed. They asked. They continued praying. They continued rebelling against Almighty God. After a while, God says okay. I am going to permit you. This is not my perfect will for your life. If this is what you choose, then this is what I am going to let you have. A king came.

The Bible says here that when Samuel heard what the people said—we want a king. You have told us all this stuff Samuel. That is okay. We still yet want a king. The Bible says that Samuel goes and tells the Lord what the people said. The Lord already knew that. Do you know what the Lord says? Harken unto them.

1 Samuel 8:22 And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

As I read that, and I don't know what Samuel was thinking, but I think I know what Samuel was thinking. Do you know what he knew? I would say he was very disgusted because they would not listen to the voice of God. I would say he wanted them out of his sight. Just leave guys. Get out of here. If you don't want to listen to the voice of God, you want a king. Just go on. Everybody, go home. Do you know what happened? That is what they did. Do you know what God does? God allowed them to have a king. It wasn't going to be what they thought it was going to be.

Listen. Make sure what you are praying for. Make sure what you are asking God for is something that will glorify Him. If what you are praying for is going to exalt yourself, or do something good for you that is not going to bring any praise to God then you had better let it alone. You had better let it alone because you may get it. You may get it.

I have said many times... Garth Brooks used to sing a song, or maybe he still yet sings it, *Thank God for Unanswered Prayers*. There is a lot of truth in that. Because a lot of times in life we ask God and pray, and ask God for things then when we see how they would have worked out it wouldn't have been any good for us.

Listen. Let us know what we are praying about when we pray.

Come and pray—