

Sermon Outline

THE King of Israel | Geoff Lin

"Give us a king to lead us!" (1 Samuel)		
10/5	Hannah - the faithful woman in Israel	1 Samuel 1-2
17/5	Samuel - the last Judge in Israel	1 Samuel 3-7
24/5	<i>THE King of Israel</i>	
31/5	What is a Christian? (Commitment Sunday)	
7/6	Saul - Israel's First King	1 Samuel 9-15
14/6	David - Israel's Second King	1 Samuel 16-17
21/6	Civil War in Israel - Part 1	1 Samuel 18-31

The story so far ...

1. "Appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have ..." (vv1-5)

The bigger and better story we belong to ...				
Genesis	Exodus	Lev/Num/Dt	Joshua	Judges (Ruth)
God's promise to Abraham	Moses leads Israel out of slavery in Egypt	40 years wandering in the desert	Joshua leads Israel into the Promised Land	After Joshua dies, Israel descends into anarchy

Dt 17:14 When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, "Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us," 15 be sure to appoint over you a king the LORD chooses

Judges 17:6 In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.
 Judges 18:1 In those days Israel had no king.
 Judges 19:1 In those days Israel had no king.
 Judges 21:25 In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.

Problem 1: hereditary monarchy/dynastic rule

Problem 2: wanting to be like "all the other nations"

Ex 19:3 Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: 4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then **out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, 6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

2. "It is not you they have rejected; but they have rejected me as their king" (vv6-18)

2.1 Samuel's reaction to their request (v6)

- Samuel starts by praying (he turns towards God, not away from Him)

2.2 God's analysis of their request (vv7-8)

Q. Who are they really rejecting?

2.3 God's response to their request (vv9-18)

- God both gives them agency and holds them accountable

- "what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights" (v9, v11)

Q. Can you spot the theme of vv11-17?

1 Sam 14:52 All the days of Saul there was bitter war with the Philistines, and whenever Saul saw a mighty or brave man, he took him into his service.

Mt 27:25 All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on our children!"

3. "Then we will be like all the other nations ..." (vv19-22)

- "David vs Goliath" (not "Saul vs Goliath")

For next week: please read 1 Samuel 9-15

So what, for us?

i. "Fit in" vs "stand out"?

1 Pet 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

ii. The kind of King our whole world needs

Mt 27:41 In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. 42 "He saved others," they said, "but he can't save himself! He's the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.