

## 1 Samuel Lesson 7 Lessons and Principles

1. Israel was not wrong in wanting a king, but they wanted it for the wrong reason. They wanted a king "like all the other nations" they wanted to be like the world around them. We often get into trouble wanting to be like the world when we should instead be transformed into the image of Christ. (Romans 12:1-2)
2. When Israel insisted Samuel appoint a king over them, he was no doubt displeased and it troubled him greatly, but he turned and prayed to the Lord. We should do the same when something troubles us turn it over to the Lord in prayer, don't carry those burdens with us
3. When the people insisted, God told Samuel to heed their request, not that it was good or right, but God would use this to teach Israel a lesson. God will sometimes allow us to have something bad that we insist on just to teach us.
4. Most human kings are takers not givers they come to be served, not to serve. The King of Kings is a giving king. Jesus said of himself, "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve (Matthew 20:28). Therefore, choose who you will follow wisely, follow the Lord of Lords and King of Kings Jesus Christ.
5. God wanted Israel to be "*a special treasure to Me above all people... a kingdom of priest and a holy nation* (Exodus 19:6)". God wanted to make Israel something special, set apart, consecrated, and they wanted to be like everyone else. God wants you also to be a special people set apart, consecrated, and not like everyone else. "*But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light* (1 Peter 2:9);"