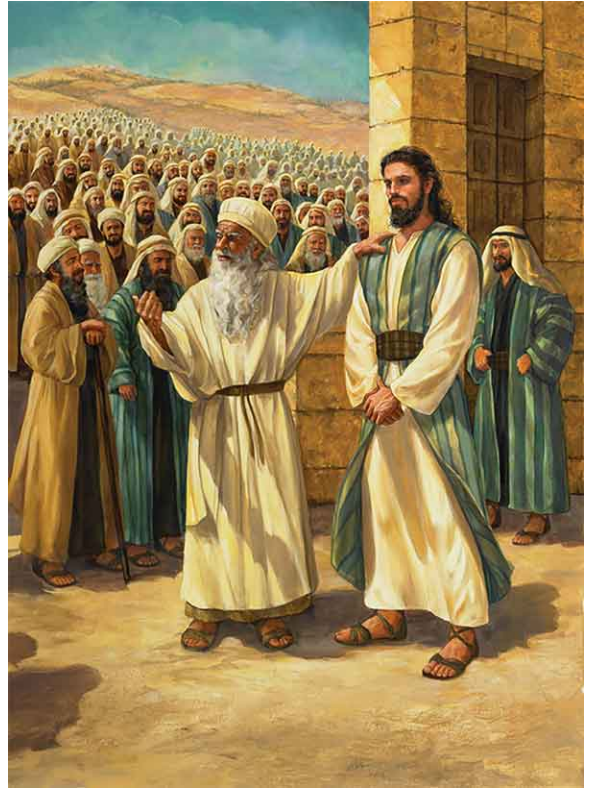


"But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said; 'Give Us A King to judge us.' And Samuel prayed unto the LORD." 1 Samuel 8:6 KJV



Men clamor the same today! History reverberates with, “Give us a mayor, governor, senator, president,” and etc.! It’s all the same no matter the cry. We hear echoes of it even in the Church of Jesus Christ. “Give us a pastor, teacher, leader,” and etc. God Gave Israel a king, but like all men, he eventually failed. Therein lies the crux of it; “Like all MEN.” Israel had a perfect ruler, Jehovah and His Law, but, “No,” that wasn’t satisfactory. What’s wrong with just following God and His Commands? Like idol worshippers, they wanted to feel like their leader was just like them, fallible. Only fools would expect perfection from imperfection. Why do we seek after men to lead us when we have a Perfect God with a Perfect Law? *“There is none that seeketh after God.”* Power corrupts men and absolute power corrupts men absolutely. You need look no further than any world government, past or present. Take your pick; from kingdoms to republics they’re all corrupt. Our own United States bears testimony to it. Ben Franklin said, “I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of

this truth- that God Governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?” George Washington said, "The propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the Eternal Rules of Order And Right Which Heaven Itself Has Ordained." Ronald Reagan said, "If we ever forget that we are ‘One nation under God,’ then we will be a Nation gone under." Douglas MacArthur, Pacific Allied Commander in WWII, said, "History fails to record a single precedent in which nations subject to moral decay have not passed into political and economic decline." If fallible men in crisis leadership point us to God, what’s our excuse for looking elsewhere? Whom do you seek?

If the Saviour is your KING,
His Voice of Truth within you rings,
While fools are ‘round you clamoring,
You will not fret for anything! –CGP

Any pastor, teacher, or leader that means more to you than God is not much more than an idol in your life. We look to men for leadership and judgment, because we are too lazy or sinful to seek after God ourselves or we are denying His Sovereignty. Albert Einstein said, “Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” It is sheer folly to use failed solutions to solve the same problem over and over again. *“They measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.”* God’s Word Is The Only Absolute That Exists. Get on the Truth Train or the station platform remains your destination. Like the man rocking furiously in a rocking chair; you will go nowhere fast. The only men we are to follow are *“faithful men, considering the end of their conversation.”* Judge them by their obedience to God’s Word. Follow, but with your Bible open!

"And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God Is Come, And Hath Given us An Understanding, that we may know Him That Is True, and we are in Him That Is True, even in His Son Jesus Christ. This Is The True God, And Eternal Life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen." 1 John 5:19-21 KJV