

Whole Bible Series

Sermon 9: Samuel

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**SERMON NOTES**

**Choosing Less than God’s Best**

1. **Israel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God as King (1 Samuel 1-8)**

* Eli’s wicked sons act foolishly and lose the \_\_\_\_\_\_
* Dedicated Samuel leads Israel in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ God
* Samuel’s sons’ wickedness lead Israel to request a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* God gives them their inferior \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*How are you forfeiting God’s best by rejecting His Lordship?*

1. **God’s Rule Is Given to Flawed Kings**
2. King Saul

The church is God’s instrument of grace in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_.

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in beginning
* Derailed by unaddressed character \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*What character flaw is going to keep you*

*from experiencing God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_?*

1. King David

* A man after God’s heart
* A legacy \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by a defining moment

*If satan were to destroy you right now, how would he do it?*

*Choose God’s best by allowing Him to be King of your life!*

**Answers: Rejects,** ark, **following,** king, **wish,** Humble, **flaws,** best, **your life,** marred

**Questions for Small Groups or Individual Study**

1. Read 1 Samuel 8:10-19. How compelling was Samuel’s case against appointing a king? What does the insistence of the people teach us about humans’ desire to have what they want?
2. If we are certain that what God wants for us is better than the other things we could choose, why do we choose to reject His will and do our own thing?
3. Read the statement on the reverse side. Regarding opportunities to make needed changes in our lives, how is the church able to communicate God’s grace to us?
4. Many people live lives, constantly susceptible to the major failure that could destroy them. In what ways is this true? How must we treat these areas instead?