

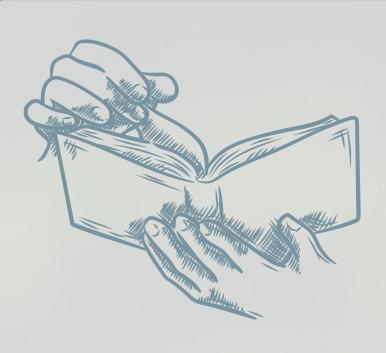


l Samuel 10:17-25; Deuteronomy 17:14-20 Take Home Principle



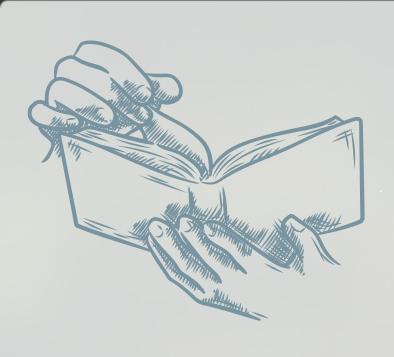






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17 Samuel summoned the people of Israel to the Lord at Mizpah 18 and said to them, "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'I brought Israel up out of Egypt, and I delivered you from the power of Egypt and all the kingdoms that oppressed you.' 19 But you have now rejected your God, who saves you out of all your disasters and calamities. And you have said, 'No, appoint a king over us.' So now present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and clans."

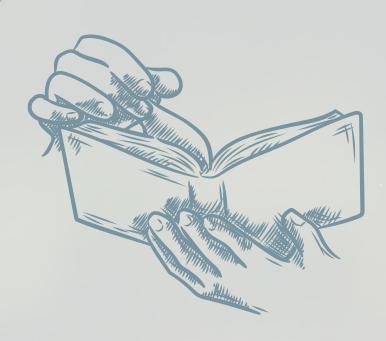


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20 When Samuel had all Israel come forward by tribes, the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot. 21 Then he brought forward the tribe of Benjamin, clan by clan, and Matri's clan was taken. Finally Saul son of Kish was taken. But when they looked for him, he was not to be found. 22 So they inquired further of the Lord, "Has the man come here yet?"

And the Lord said, "Yes, he has hidden himself among the supplies."

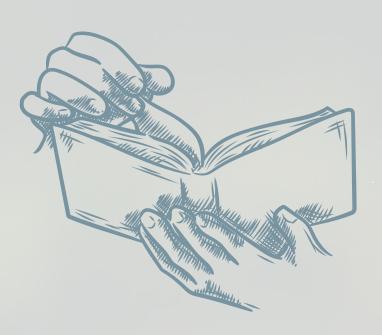
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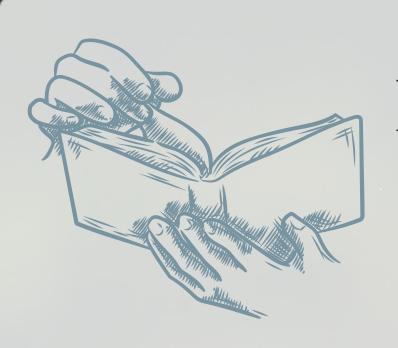
23 They ran and brought him out, and as he stood among the people he was a head taller than any of the others. 24 Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see the man the Lord has chosen? There is no one like him among all the people."

Then the people shouted, "Long live the king!"



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25 Samuel explained to the people the rights and duties of kingship. He wrote them down on a scroll and deposited it before the Lord. Then Samuel dismissed the people to go to their own homes.

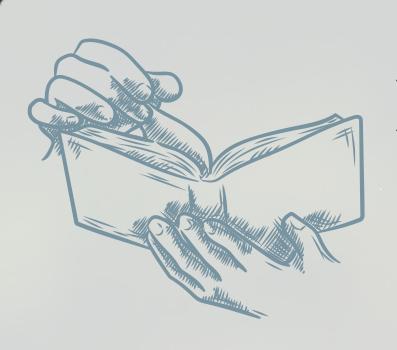


Deuteronomy 17:14-20

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The King

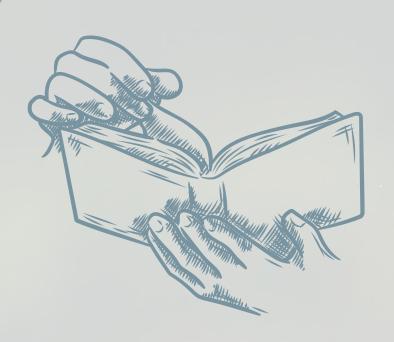
14 When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, "Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us," 15 be sure to appoint over you a king the Lord your God chooses. He must be from among your fellow Israelites. Do not place a foreigner over you, one who is not an Israelite.



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16 The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the Lord has told you, "You are not to go back that way again." 17 He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold.



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18 When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the Levitical priests. 19 It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees 20 and not consider himself better than his fellow Israelites and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.

TAKE HOME PRINCIPLE

I will fulfill my duty as a citizen and as a believer by upholding God's qualifications for leaders in choosing our public officials.



What is Samuel's purpose in gathering God's people at Mizpah?



1 Samuel 10:17-25; Deuteronomy 17:14-20 DISCOVERY QUESTIONS

How was the king selected (1 Samuel 10:20-25) and what are the regulations of Kingship as explained by Samuel in Deuteronomy 17:14-20)?



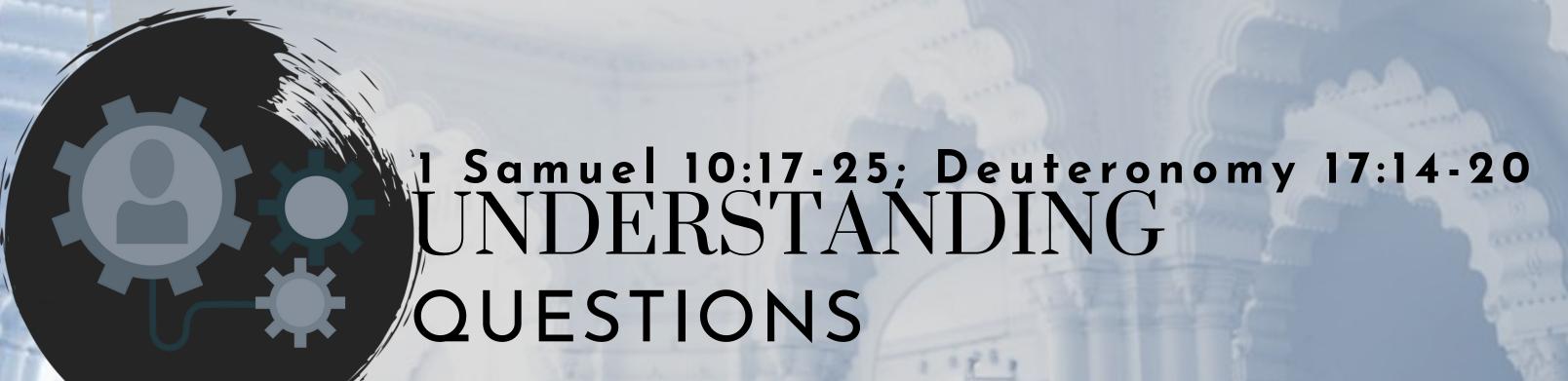
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After Saul was selected as King, what happened?

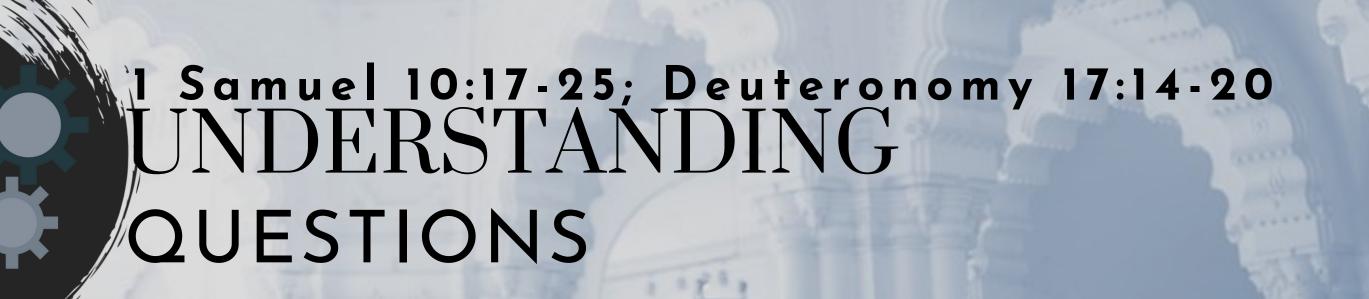


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Prior to selecting a king, Samuel made it clear that it was Israel's choice to reject God and choose a human king(v 18, 19) just like the nations around them(1 Samuel 8:7, 20). Would you have made the same decision to ask for a human king? Why do you think God accommodated Israel's clamor?



What is the meaning of choosing a King that "the Lord your God choses"?



If a nation ends up with an ungodly leader who leads his people to destruction, does it mean that God made a mistake



What is the significance of Saul being accompanied by "valiant men whose hearts God touched"?



God does have a say in selecting a nation's leader. How can you translate Deuteronomy 17:14-20 when electing our public officials?



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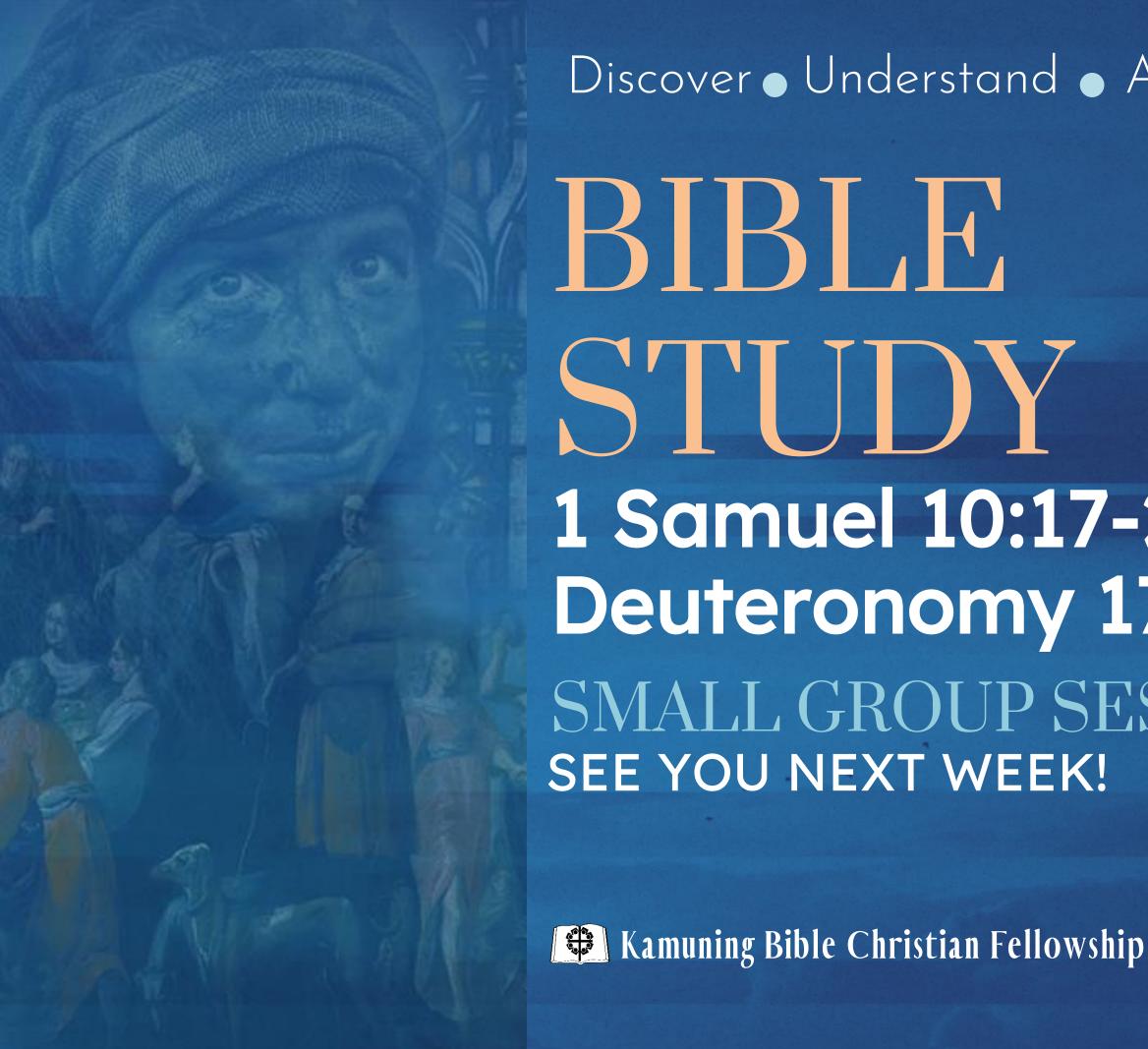
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SMALL GROUP SESSIONS















