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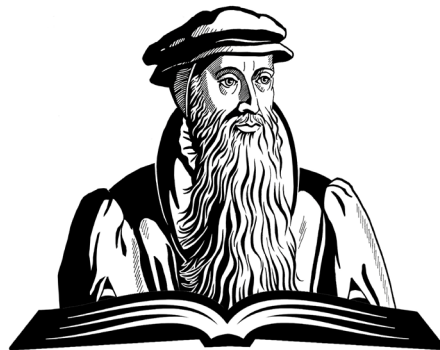
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Lesson 53

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The First Book of Samuel, chapters 7 through 10

Memory Verse

“And Samuel said, Gather all Israel unto Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the Lord.”

1 Samuel 7:5

Brief History



While the ark of God remained in the land of the Philistines, there were some in Israel who mourned its loss. They longed for the day in which it would be returned. After 20 years, they were gathered at Mizpeh, and desired that Samuel would pray with them that God's favor would come upon them again. God heard their prayers. The Philistines were defeated, and Samuel set up a stone of remembrance and called it Ebenezer. Hitherto the Lord hath helped us.

Samuel had two sons named Hopni and Phinehas who were judges in Israel. The elders of Israel complained that they were not good judges and asked Samuel to give Israel a king. Samuel agreed but warned that the king would be a curse to them. The establishment of Israel as a kingdom was an important step in the nation's history. They were called to be a theocratic kingdom which means a nation ruled by God's laws. But Israel, including many of her kings, rebelled against God's laws and made them worthy of condemnation. Clearly, they needed a new king, a king of righteousness, who would come to bring repentance and the forgiveness of sin. That king was none other than the Lord Jesus Christ.

The first king of Israel was Saul. He was a remarkable man, one well favored in appearance. The Lord caused an unusual providential meeting to take place in which Samuel met Saul for the first time.

While Saul was looking for the lost asses of his father, he met Samuel who anointed him king. Saul was given another spirit—a certain ability which he needed to be a king. But he did not receive a new heart. He did many things that were helpful for Israel, but he was not a God-fearing man.

The Gospel in the Old Testament

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Questions

1. Which of the following wrestled in prayer for a son?
 - a. Leah
 - b. Hagar
 - c. Hannah
 - d. Orpah
2. Why did the elders of Israel complain and ask for a king?
 - a. Because they wanted to be like other nations who had kings.
 - b. Because the present leadership was too godly to suit them.
 - c. They were afraid their nation would be destroyed.
 - d. They hated Samuel and Saul
3. How did Saul look like a suitable person to be a king?
 - a. He was handsome and strong.
 - b. He had many wives like other kings did.
 - c. He had a lot of wealth like other kings.
 - d. He already had many servants.
4. Saul was anointed to be the first king of Israel. Who anointed him?
 - a. Hophni and Phinehas
 - b. David
 - c. Kish
 - d. Samuel

Discussions

1. Why was Hannah filled with grief? Where did she go with her grief?

2. What did Hannah promise to do if she would receive a son?

3. What kind of person is suitable to be a king? What kind of character and gifts does he need?

4. Why did Israel need a spiritual king? Who is the one who fulfilled that need? How did he fill that need?
