

SERMON OUTLINE

THE MOST TERRIFYING THING GOD COULD DO

I SAMUEL 8:1-22

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I. Israel's Request for a King: vs. 1-5

“¹⁴When you come to the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, ‘I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me.’” – Deut. 17:14

II. Samuel's Warning Against a Human King: vs. 6-18

III. God's Response to Israel's Request: vs. 19-22

IV. Application

1) We have a tendency to assess our problems mechanically rather than spiritually

2) Embrace the strangeness of being a Christian

“⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” – 1 Peter 2:4-5

3) Be aware of the danger of rejecting God's ways

“²⁴Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves...²⁶For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions...²⁸And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.” – Romans 1:24,26,28

4) **The true and better King is coming**

BENEDICTION: “Now I know that the Lord saves his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with the saving might of his right hand.⁷Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.⁸They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.” – Psalm 20:6-8