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## The King You Chose

### **1** st Samuel 8:18

**And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the Lord will not hear you in that day.**

King—A king is one that rules a kingdom. A kingdom is an area which one thing is dominant.

Dominant—Exercising the most influence or control.

Samuel had grown old and he had given authority to his sons to judge Israel. Samuel's sons weren't living according to the standards of God nor their father's and because of this, Israel requested that they would be given a king to rule over them as other nations.

The inquiry of the people requesting a king displeased Samuel, but the Lord said to Samuel, "Give Israel their request, the people haven't rejected you, but they have rejected me to reign over them".

The Lord instructed Samuel to inform Israel what type of king would be over them; and Samuel did as the Lord instructed him.

Although we may be requesting something that will cause many years of tribulation, because of God's love for His people, He will give us our request, then establish us to go through the tribulation. Although Satan meant it for evil, God will make it work together for good. What was meant to be evil will assist us in our spiritual

growth. It may not look like it or feel like it, but it's working something good in you!

God loves us so much not only will He give us His permissive will, but He will allow us to have freedom of choice to live a lifestyle that will eventually lead us to Hell, if that's our desire.

We are ruled by two kings, one in the Spirit and one in the flesh, which ever one we yield to the most will be the domineering king. Just as God instructed Samuel to inform Israel the character of their king, God has instructed us through His Word the character of another king other than Himself.

### **John 10:10**

**The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

We can either choose a king that will give us an abundantly life or we can choose the thief that will rob our lives and destroy us as well as our children. This is why Moses instructed the children of Israel to choose life that both them and their seed (children) may live (**Deuteronomy 30:19**).

Some of us are just like Israel, God brought us out of Egypt (the world) and we're still trying to serve two kings, whoever we chose to serve will be the king we bow too. Whether we're bowing to righteousness or sin. Whoever we yield ourselves to will be our king and they will dominate their kingdom.

### **Romans 6:16**

**Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servant ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness.**

Just as Israel's king took control of their children; the king that the world is serving has taken the children and many are destroyed by drugs, alcohol and illicit sex. Children are in gangs because the parent chose to spend more time following the instructions of their king by engaging more time on themselves rather than their children. Children are in need of parenting. Parenting goes much further than keeping a roof over their head.

Every king rules their kingdom, and when we have the wrong king ruling, it could eventually cause us to die prematurely, become locked up in our minds and emotions, have unhealthy relationships, cause homelessness, depression, suicide, alcoholism, and drug addiction.

God has given us a free choice to serve the God of all creation or the god of this world. It is God's desire that no one perish, but it all depends on which king we chose to serve, the one that will bring life or the one that will bring both natural and spiritual death.

After Saul became king, he took everything from Israel and used it for his own advantage. He did

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everything the Prophet had told them their king would do. Every time we attend church and we hear the word of God, the ministers are informing us what an ungodly king will do, but yet too many times we forsake the teaching of the Word of God and live according to our desires and disregard the desire God has for us.

Some of us think, well, I'm not committing fornication or adultery, so I'm ok, but sin isn't just about fornication and adultery.

### **1st Thessalonians 5:23**

**And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Ask yourself a question, have you committed your soul to the King, meaning your mind, will and emotions? Our emotions are what trip us up, rather than obeying the word of God, we will obey our emotions.

Saints are destroyed because they can't forgive someone that has hurt them, resentment and anger is eating away at them like a cancer. We must forgive others as we desire God to forgive us. There's a king ruling in our emotions and it's not the King of King's.

As saints we should be able to control our emotions, we should be able to forgive even when it doesn't feel good. Forgiveness isn't something you feel, it's something you do! We have to make up our minds who we will we serve, no matter what the situation is, we have to say to ourselves for God I will live and for God I will die. I will die to fulfilling my desires, I will die to yielding to temptations when God has given me the power to overcome temptation. God knew we would be tempted that's why He empowered us with the Holy Spirit to overcome every temptation Satan will try to influence us with. We don't have to bow to sin.

Too many saints want to control others, when they can't control themselves. Control is not the Spirit of God, but it is of Satan. We can tell if we want to be in control when things don't go our way, we will get upset or we will go into the silent treatment with the one we want to control. If we focus on controlling ourselves and not others, relationships would be better, wives would be more submissive. Husbands would be more attentive to the needs of their wife. Children wouldn't be distant from their parents; because the parents' would respect them as a person. We have to learn how to accept people as they are as God did with us and let them have freedom of choice as God gave them!

God doesn't control us, He wants us to serve Him freely, but Satan wants to control and he will, if we give him permission to be our king.

Our wills should no longer be our will, but let God's will be done. Too many times we know we're out of the will of God, but we will continue to do what we want to do. Too many times we're thinking the wrong thoughts, confused and double minded in our faith. God has given us a sound mind, but if we are thinking on the situations before us, it will make us weary, it will make us doubt. God will answer our prayers. Whatever is going on in our lives think on these things:

### **Philippians 4:4**

**Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.**

Thinking on godly things, doesn't mean you are in denial of what's going on in your life, you will be

aware of what's going on, but rather than worshipping the situation, you will worship God. You see whatever has your thoughts occupied is what you're worshipping.

We have to know whatever is coming against us cannot prevail. The Word of God has promised, no weapon formed against us shall prosper, that's if we're bowing to the right King!

Satan uses whoever will submit themselves to him. He has no respect of person. He will use a saint the same way he will use a non-believer. Just as God anoints us, Satan anoints his people too!

When God is our king, we love unconditional, but when Satan is king, we only love when it's going our way. Rather than showing love, we show wrath, instead of quiet and a meek spirit, we're loud and inconsiderate of others. Easily angered, rebellion, full of gossip and all the other works of the flesh.

As saints we should have the mind of Christ, but many of us have the mind of self. There are many lost souls because of mindsets. Many churches are stagnated because they don't want to see a change. We're running people from the church and God because of our mindset. God didn't tell us to change the soul, He said win the soul. We win the soul by the Word of God. In order to win souls, we have to be soul conscience, we must be concerned about their soul and not their appearance or their speech. When we destroy the spirit another by placing ourselves above and them beneath, this is the spirit of the anti-Christ.

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Satan comes to steal, kill and destroy. Spirit of God brings life. Saints we are the children of God and we should bring life to dying situations and people. Life brings life, and death brings death, which one are we producing?

Although God made Saul the king, after Saul's disobedience God repented that He made Saul king. Saul was king, but he became fearful, a liar and would have become a murderer if God wouldn't have protected David. Saul was jealous, he was envious of David, but yet he was king, Saul was manifesting all the signs of an ungodly father.

Saul got besides himself and usurped the priest office when Samuel didn't come in the seven days he supposed to have come, This was a no, no! How many times do we try to walk in another office or gifts God has not given us?

God spoke through the prophet Samuel and told Saul to destroy king Agag and the Amaleks and everything they had, but rather than follow the instructions of God. Saul spared King Agag's life, kept the best of everything then lied when Samuel confronted him about his disobedience. How many times has God told us to do something, and we make an excuse? Saul excuses and disobedience caused him to be dethroned from his kingship as well as his kingdom. Saul no longer had authority to rule the people.

Whose reigning and ruling in your life? Is fear ruling when God has said "He has not given us the spirit of fear, but of love and a sound mind". Is doubt or uncontrollable anger ruling? Is jealousy or envy ruling? What and who is reigning in you?

Is lust and the works of the flesh ruling when it should be the Fruit of the Spirit in manifestation? Is gossiping ruling where there should be encouragement and prayer for who you're talking about? Is gluttony ruling when we should be fasting? Has our busy schedule ruled over our time with God? When was the last time we greeted someone with a smile when we really didn't feel like smiling? When have we tried to build and encourage someone that has been wounded? When was the last time we told someone that God loves them although their life style isn't lining up with the word of God, but we are drawing them with loving kindness?

Is our circumstance and situations ruling over what God has instructed us to do? Sometimes we get so busy looking at the circumstances and situations until we forget all about God. Each of us is bowing to a king, have you consider which king you're bowing to?

### **James 4:17**

**Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.**

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