



The True King is at Work

33rd in the “Samuel” Series

1 Samuel 2:1-10

January 7, 2024

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Introduction: In this sermon, we are reintroduced to the books of Samuel and reflect on their primary themes.

1) The Books of Samuel: A Reminder.

The Books of Samuel in the biblical story:

LAW – God’s Person

Gen, Exod, Lev, Num, Deut



HISTORY – God’s Pastoring

Josh, Judg, Ruth, **1-2 Sam**, 1-2 Kgs, 1-2 Chron, Ezra, Neh, Esther



WISDOM – God’s Parenting

Job, Ps, Prov, Eccl, Song of Sol



PROPHETS – God’s Promising

Major: Isa, Jer, Lam, Ezek, Dan

Minor: Hos, Joel, Amos, Obad, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Hab, Zeph, Haggai, Zech, Mal

2) The Three Major Themes in the Books of Samuel (1 Samuel 2:1-10).

(a) God humbles the mighty and exalts the weak (vv. 3-5).

(b) In spite of all the human powers of evil, God is at work in the world (vv. 6-9).

(c) God will raise up his promised King (v. 10).

Response

In a world that relies upon human might and kings, Christians look to and trust in God’s King.

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.

- 1) How does this passage teach Christians that God reverses the values and the powers of the world (find evidence in the text)?
- 2) How does or will God actually humble the mighty and exalt the weak in the world today?
- 3) V. 9 plainly states, “It is not by strength that one prevails.” How should such a statement challenge us to think differently about the battles for power in politics/government, media, health, and intellectual prowess?
- 4) How might Jesus be the referent in view in v. 10, and how does Jesus’ Kingship minimize all other kings, including the ones we serve in our country/world today?
- 5) What do you expect to learn from the book of 2 Samuel as we work through it over the coming months? Are you as comfortable with OT books as you are with NT books?
- 6) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week’s text: Isaiah 6:1-5 (Mon); Psalm 29:10 (Tues); Philippians 2:9-11 (Wed); Hebrews 1:3 (Thurs); Revelation 19:16 (Fri).