



A TALE OF

THREE KINGS

IN THE BIBLE.

1 Samuel 15:10-11

The word of the Lord came to Samuel: "I regret that I have made Saul king, for he has turned back from following me and has not performed my commandments." And Samuel was angry, and he cried to the Lord all night.

Hosea 8:4

They made kings, but not through me. They set up princes, but I knew it not. With their silver and gold they made idols for their own destruction.

Romans 8:5

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

AN EVIL MASTER.

We all serve someone. Israel had the wrong king in Saul, but we today can have the wrong master. We can often think that we will be the captain of our own ship and the master of our own destiny. We never truly are. There is something we live for that is the guiding light in our lives.

It could be food, money, pleasure, wealth, fame, sex, or anything else. Either way, our master will beckon us and change us in some way. What if we followed a good master instead? If people wound up being more like their master, what if they chose Jesus for their master?

QUESTIONS.

1. Do you know anyone who thinks they are the master of their own destiny? How do they think/act?
2. What is the “guiding light” in your life? Why do you think that? Does your life reflect that?
3. What keeps you from giving that spot to Jesus?

Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?

