

# What It Takes For You To Enjoy Security

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1 Samuel said to all the people, 1 Samuel, And all of the people shouted, Long live the king. Then Samuel told the people the rights and the duties of a kingship, and he wrote them in a book and laid it up before the Lord.

Then Samuel sent all the people away, each one to his own home. Saul also went to his home at Gibeah, and with him went men of valor whose hearts God had touched.

But some of the worthless fellows said, How can this man save us? And they despised him and brought him no present, but he held his peace.

[ 5 : 41 ] The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God. You may be seated. Would you pray with me? Lord, you know your people.

You know what's in the heart of every person. And I ask, Lord, that because you are our good and gracious king, please minister, Father, as I do my best to interpret and apply your word, this passage that Ralph just read for us.

In such a way, Lord, that brings you glory and you alone, and that builds up your people. That we can present everyone mature within your kingdom by your power. We thank you, Lord, that we have King Jesus so clearly given to us in all of Scripture.

And we thank you, Lord, that the light of King Jesus shines back on ancient passages like this. And it becomes useful even for our instruction and for our building up.

But only if you will do this, Lord, by your power. And so that's what we ask for your glory and our good. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

[ 6 : 55 ] Well, picture yourself in London. Someone gave you tickets to watch the national football or soccer team at Wembley Stadium. 70,000 people packing the stadium, wearing the jersey that has the three lions on the chest.

and here come the best athletes from the whole nation and they line up. And then you just hear like one voice, all the people singing, long live our noble king.

Scatter his enemies and make them fall. Confound their politics. Frustrate their knavish tricks. Send him victorious, happy and glorious.

Long to reign over us. God save the king. That British national anthem was written in 1740s. I looked it up. When was the first international soccer match played?

Not till about 130 years later, 1870s. So these national anthems of countries like ours and of England, of around the world, they were not written for sports.

[ 8 : 02 ] They're written for war, to expand the empire, to provide security for the nation. Did you catch that line in our passage today? Would you look at chapter 10, verse 24?

We're given this very detailed account of how Saul is finally put in front of the people and the response of the nation is, Long live the king. Or may the king live forever.

And ancient Israel is just like our country today. This doesn't change. What people want from their leaders, from their government, is stability and security.

And it's very easy, when we don't have those things, to put our hopes in a man, a ruler, a king, who could maybe bring that to us. And that's what's going on in this story today.

Because what that phrase says is this, as long as this king lives, the kingdom will continue like this, secure. So may the king live forever. May the way it's going now be locked in forever.

[ 9 : 03 ] May the king never die. Beloved congregation of our Lord Jesus Christ, I want to show you, with this longing for security, what all it takes for a kingdom to enjoy that.

More specifically for us, in Christ's kingdom, what does it take for you and I to enjoy security? Well first, it's this, for God's people to enjoy security, God must grant a king federal headship over his own kingdom.

For God's people to enjoy security, God must grant a king federal headship over his kingdom. When evil men tried to grab power for themselves in the book of Judges, it failed.

The Lord wouldn't put up with it. When evil men tried to bring in idols into God's kingdom, God would destroy them. Even Samuel, who loved the Lord and feared him, when he tried to set up nepotism, that his own sons would become the next judges, it failed.

God is showing his people, I'm the one who must grant authority. And we see that the Lord granted to Saul everything he needed to fulfill this charge that God had put on him.

[ 10 : 23 ] I see and saw all that it would take for a man to be a representative, a federal head, one figurehead over the entire kingdom. A shadow of all the offices God would give to the one man, Jesus Christ.

First, the Lord took Saul. If you remember last week, chapter 9, Saul is embarrassingly unqualified, and God elevated him. Would you look even at the very end of chapter 9?

Notice how every time Saul is moving, and toward the end of the chapter, he's going upward. He goes up to Ramah. Then he goes up to the feast. And then at the very end, he even goes up on top of the house.

The Lord is elevating Saul out of nothing, bringing him up. And that's symbolic to what God is about to do in chapter 10. Now in verse 1 of chapter 10, Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it over Saul's head and kissed him and said, this is not because the Lord has, is this not because the Lord has anointed you commander?

Now he reminds him over his inheritance. So who is Saul to rule over? God's inheritance. It's God's kingdom. God's the one who has to appoint and delegate this authority to a man, a federal head, over God's own kingdom.

[ 11 : 51 ] What a scene this would be. We're on the top of these mountain peaks. And here's a giant of a man between LeBron James and Shaquille O'Neal most likely.

And here's old Samuel. He's a Nazarite, so he's got long hair and beard never cut. This man likely kneels down. They're going to do a private anointing ceremony following God's instruction.

Pours the oil over him. Says this is because the Lord is anointing you to rule over God's inheritance. Picture the weight of that charge on this man.

Well next, the Lord took this anointed man and notice what he does. In verses 3 and 4, there are these men going up to God, going up to worship. And notice the three things that these people are carrying.

goats, bread, and wine. And it's the bread of the communion that they're going to give to Saul. What are you going to do with the goats when you go up to worship God?

[ 12 : 59 ] There's your blood sacrifice. And after a blood sacrifice, you're going to enjoy the peace, the peace sacrifice, where you're going to have, you get to eat the meat now. The sins have been atoned for.

The burnt sacrifice is done. Now we get to enjoy this delicious feast with God. There's meat and there's bread and there's the fruit of the vine. But they, he says, these men are going to give you the bread.

Well, in the ceremonial law in Leviticus, the bread is set apart for the priests. But, there's also in the law provision where it can be legally shared. Remember when David comes and the priest gives him bread.

And it was legal. And the Lord even reminds the law keepers of this. And so, here's this man anointed to be king. There's the kingly office. being given the bread, the portion of the priest.

There's the priestly office. Shadowy symbolized there. Well, what about the office of prophet? The Lord took this anointed king with the priestly bread. And in verse 6, look at what he says.

[ 13 : 58 ] The spirit of the Lord will come upon you and you will prophesy with them. And you will be turned into another man. All three offices put onto Saul, this one man, king, priest, prophet, the anointing.

This is God's inheritance. You're the federal head. Lift it up. Will this man be able to bear under the weight of this charge? Will he be able to do what is required to secure the peace and the kingdom?

I know I sure wouldn't. I would crumble under that. Now, when it says the spirit will be upon you, that doesn't necessarily mean Saul gets a new heart of regeneration to believe and follow the Lord.

Because the spirit of God also made a donkey prophesy. The spirit of God made Nebuchadnezzar prophesy. The spirit of God takes creatures and does whatever God wants to do.

And so that's important for us to realize because Saul is a complex character. He doesn't stay flat through all these chapters. That's all we need to say about that for now. The Holy Spirit operated differently in the Old Testament than now in the church.

[ 15 : 17 ] Well, next the Lord took this anointed king associated with the priestly rite of bread who prophesied speaking God's word to the people. What do we mean by prophecy? It's that. It's one who speaks God's word to the people.

And he made him able to obey. Look at verse 9. So it was when he had turned his back from Samuel that God gave him another heart. Again, in this context for these reasons, I believe this means that he had the inward ability to do what God expected of him as king.

He had a special God-given ability to fulfill this office for which God anointed him. I don't necessarily think it should mean or we should read into it that he's regenerated or saved or got a new heart savingly.

But that God is not giving him any excuse or the people any excuse to say that the Lord sabotaged the thing they wanted. God will allow him to be able to govern. All right.

So for God's people to enjoy security, do you see how God must grant a man federal headship to represent God's people, God's kingdom?

[ 16 : 22 ] Let's remember this, that if you and I have enjoyed any level of security in this state or in this nation, it's because God has granted peace.

God steers the hearts of rulers like the streams. God lifts up and God throws down. He can do that. The reason we're to pray for all civil magistrates in every state, no matter what their views are, even the views that disagree with God's kingdom, we still pray for them because God put them there in his providence and his big plan.

Now, with God's moral law inside his people, we should not like laws that contradict God's moral law. We can't. Not if the Holy Spirit lives in us. But we can still pray for these rulers who are dark.

They're in darkness. They're deceived by the enemy and we need to pray that God will give us peace despite those laws. Well, the second observation about how God secures peace in his kingdom for his people is this.

In order for God's people to enjoy security, the king must not just be selected and appointed and given authority. He must do something with it. Specifically, I see two things here.

[ 17 : 37 ] The king must purify God's kingdom and second, the king must care for God's kingdom on earth. Purify and care for it.

first, for God's people to enjoy security, look at what Saul needs to do in verse 5. We read, after you shall come to the hill of God.

Some translations just have it the high place, but we're told this is where the worship is happening. This is the hill where God will receive the offerings and the sacrifices of his people and meet them.

And there is a Philistine garrison. This is not Philistine territory. This is God's territory. It's part of the geographic boundaries of God's kingdom on earth during this time.

This is God's land and it's God's hill. And on this hill, this village, the Philistines have put an outpost of the Philistine empire.

[ 18 : 37 ] Now the Philistines hate the true God. They want to worship the idols and the pagan gods. And yet here on this holy hill of the Lord, they're being allowed to live there with their soldiers in this outpost.

The hill of the Lord is not being kept pure of those who blaspheme and contradict the sovereign rule of God in the land. One commentator put, a blaspheming army of God in the hill of God.

Pagans been permitted here to build a fortified stronghold on God's property. Enemy troops oppressing God's people from God's own hill.

What should a king do about that? Now the instructions to Saul are very clear. It will be after all these signs, look at verse 6, the spirit will come upon you and you will prophesy.

So listen for that in the story. Samuel says, when that happens, when you prophesy, look at what he says next in verse 7. Let it be when those signs come to you that you do as the occasion demands.

[ 19 : 49 ] Some translations say, do what your hand finds to do. And in Judges chapter 9, we saw this in Sunday school, verses 32 and 34. That phrase in this context, do what your hand finds to do, it means you're the king.

You're the man anointed by God, given power. You're to go and drive them out, slay them, cleanse the hill of God from idolatry.

And it's given that further reinforcement. Look at verse 7, the very end. Do what your hand finds to do, drive out the enemy, for God is with you. What more could you need?

These are marching orders. Get at it. In verse 13, when he had finished prophesying, let's see whether Saul does this. The Lord is with you, Saul.

We simply read in verse 13 that Saul went to a high place. He goes to talk to his uncle. I think because the command was so clear, the signs were so clear, you will prophesy.

[ 20 : 52 ] All these things happened, he prophesied. People are shocked. Even Saul, he's not the son of a prophet. What's going on? And instead of obeying, he does the same sin of Adam.

It's God's temple, God's kingdom. And you're allowing the serpent to be right here in the holy consecrated land. He sinned by neglecting to drive them out.

It's a sin of omission. And that's the first sin we see for this man anointed to be the king and the federal head. He did not purify the kingdom of God.

I think the reason Saul did not purify the kingdom of God is because he did not care about or care for the kingdom of God. Why didn't he do it? We only care for what we care about.

Look at verse 14. He goes up to talk to his uncle. We know one of Saul's uncles was Abner who was associated with the kingdom and the army, a great general. And his uncle says, where did you go?

[ 21 : 55 ] Saul, super open-ended, catching up with you. You can take this conversation anywhere you want. Where did you go? And look at what Saul says of all the things he had to report to look for the donkeys.

And when we saw they were nowhere to be found, we went to Samuel. Okay, we're developing this conversation, taking it in the direction of God's man, the man of God who speaks for God. And then verse 15, Saul's uncle said, please tell me what Samuel said to you.

It's emphatic. Tell me, please. What did Samuel say to you? That's what I'm interested in. So in the conversation, this is how it goes. One person shows interest in going this direction.

I want to hear about the man of God. What did he have to say? He's specific and he's very interested. But look at Saul. He told us plainly that the donkeys had been found.

Now, we could interpret this as him being humble and keeping it private, but I think that the narrator right here of this same passage. He doesn't want us to miss this point. Look at verse 16.

[ 22 : 57 ] He teaches us how to interpret this. Verse 16, but about the matter of the kingdom, Saul did not tell his uncle what this man of God had said.

Well, we can't read more into Saul in this chapter than that. That's what it says. What we do know, though, is that for God's people, you and me, to enjoy security, we need a greater king, a great king who cares for God's kingdom, who brings the kingdom of heaven to earth, who purifies it.

This is what we need. If you're here and you belong to the kingdom of God through Jesus Christ, Jesus is your king. Know that he cares about you and he will purify his kingdom.

If you're in his kingdom, he will continue to purify you and me. And he will continue to care about demolishing and pushing out those strongholds of the enemy because you're in his kingdom and he's a king who cares and he's a king who is active and he uses the power of his spirit to cleanse and purify his people always.

Anything brought into the domain and the rule of the special kingdom of heaven. If you're in the church, it means you're being cleansed more and more and more and more because we have such a king in Jesus Christ.

[ 24 : 25 ] Well, third, for God's people to enjoy security, the king must lead the people back to God. For God's people to enjoy security, we need a king who understands all the layers of authority.

If you want a king like all the other nations, he's going to lead you in the path of all the other nations which is more power for yourselves, more glory for yourselves and in the end it's destruction from the hand of God.

But if you want a king who understands true authority, it's a king who will lead his people to the highest ruler of all, God the creator. Samuel sets the stage for Saul.

Look at verse 17. Samuel next calls all the people together to the Lord at Mizpah.

Here's the man of God who proclaims the word of God calling all the people, representative heads from the whole nation, to the Lord. The Lord's going to meet with you and the place is Mizpah.

[ 25 : 30 ] Do you remember Mizpah? You can turn back to chapter 7 if it helps you remember. Mizpah is the place where the Lord gave his nation the great victory as they worshiped the Lord and they had this wonderful worship ceremony and the burnt offering is going up and the Philistines are approaching and the Lord blasts the enemy from heaven with thunder and lightning.

This is where God gathers his people and back in chapter 7 remember what what the people did when they were gathered to the Lord at this place. Chapter 7 verse 6 so they gathered at Mizpah and what they did is they drew water and they poured it out before the Lord and they fasted and they prayed and they said Lord we have sinned against you and Samuel judged the children of Israel at Mizpah.

Everyone should know what the right response is. We're being gathered to the same place. This is our only response to God. It's to repent to pour out our hearts again.

But there's no such pouring out of their hearts like water. There's no repentance no fasting no prayers this time around. Imagine being Samuel.

How do you prepare to speak next to these people? Many of you have had to get up and give a talk you know for your business or your job and speak to your audience and you know the stakes are high you feel that pressure.

[ 27 : 01 ] What is the message that God's going to have Samuel give his people in this moment? How do you prepare? Well let's see what he says. Look at chapter 10 verse 18.

Samuel stands up and says thus says the Lord God of Israel I brought up Israel out of Egypt and delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of the kingdoms of those who oppressed you but you have today rejected your God who himself saved you from all your adversaries and your tribulations.

You have said to him no set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and by your clans. He's calling them to judgment.

When you notice what he's preaching though is the same thing he already preached to them. Turn back to chapter 8 and look at verse 7. In chapter 8 verse 7 Samuel stands before the people.

He gives them God's word. Then he goes back and talks to the Lord and the Lord says Samuel they have not rejected you they have rejected me that I should not reign over them according to all the works which they have done since that day when I brought them out of Egypt even to this day with which they have forsaken me and served other gods so they do now.

[ 28 : 32 ] And in chapter 8 Samuel turns around and preaches this to the people. It's the exact same message from the exact same person to the exact same audience.

God's word is relentless. God's word chases his people down and when the people reject the Lord he could easily walk away become cold and distant but instead he pursues his people he brings his same word back to his people.

His message does not change. What needs to change is the hearts of his people. This has been true in all of redemptive history.

Martin Luther made this comment the Bible is alive it speaks to me it has feet it runs after me it has hands it lays hold of me God's truth through his word chases us down doesn't it?

And he's so gracious it's the same message to his people. Praise the Lord if it's coming from a different mouth a different person even a different century it's the same message from the same God to his people.

[ 29 : 59 ] God is lovingly relentless in his word just like our hearts often are God is faithful when his people are faithless.

He's relentless but still in Israel there's no repentance. Well who is it now? This story cries out for someone who will lead the people by example repent turn back to God.

wouldn't it be amazing to have a king a representative who will do that who will stand up and come forward to the Lord and be the first one to pour out his heart like water. I think it's a wonderful pattern in churches that want to be biblical when those the congregation has set aside for an office elder or deacon to lead by that that prayer of confession of sin Lord search me you know my heart show me Lord those ways that are not right in my heart and that's what it means to have spiritual leadership in a relationship in a family in a congregation.

It's to be like in Psalm 51 a broken hearted evangelist. Lord you you know my faults help me to now turn around and proclaim the goodness of God who washed me clean to those who need to know this wonderful good news.

Well now what what happens next is that no one stands up voluntarily and that wasn't the purpose except to expose their lack of repentance. The purpose is really that God is going to give them the king that they want to be like all the other nations but it'll be God who will do it just as God anointed him in private God's going to announce him now in public and God does this by using lots.

[ 31 : 43 ] There were different forms of casting lots and most likely it's each tribe brings a stone marked with their tribe and you bring it forward and then the stones will be selected so it's like a blind test where you just you let luck or chance as the pagans would view it decide which stone is going to be chosen.

Well in this case we know that there's no such thing as chance or luck in all of this creation. Everything happens through God and by his will and if you thought it was a high view of God to let him make Saul chase the donkeys for three days and then go down the hill and arrive at the gate just as Samuel's going up what about this for a view of God's providence.

The Lord controls and he shows the people this is my choice. This is how I will rule my people with a high providence over you my high sovereignty on my people.

So the family of Matri is chosen from the tribe of Benjamin down to Kish and then which of Kish's sons and it will be Saul. we read in verse 22 they looked around and he couldn't find him and so they said well has this man come here yet?

See here's the irony at this point in the story is these elders of Israel who want a king like all the other nations these wayward men they can't even find Saul the man God put forward for them just as Saul couldn't find those wayward donkeys.

[ 33 : 11 ] Well you know what the Lord did with the donkeys is first he found those donkeys for the king and now he's going to find the king for these wayward men.

God answered there he is hidden among the equipment. How could Saul be a king that would draw the people back to God?

He neglected to draw near to God himself and instead he went into hiding. The people should be seeing all these red flags. They should be hearing the message loud and clear from the Lord.

Don't you see? I am your king. But instead look at verse 23 the people ran. They're still eager to have their way and they brought Saul from there from behind the equipment.

And then Saul stands up among the people and everyone can now see with their eyes. He's taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward. The tallest head came up to Saul's shoulders.

[ 34 : 15 ] In verse 24 Samuel said to all the people do you see him whom the Lord has chosen that there is no one like him among all the people? Look at verse 24 one more time.

I don't know what Samuel's tone would have been here but it could be read a few different ways right? There's no one like Saul. Well first of all we're not told of anyone else hiding. There's no one like that here.

And these men who are eager to have their king there's no one tall like him. He does look like the giant we want. The great champion that could give our nation that fighting chance. Samuel says see there's no one like him among all the people.

And now instead of repenting and fasting and pouring their hearts out look what the people do. In verse 24 all the people shouted and said long live the king.

May the king this man who moments ago was hiding may he live forever. As long as this king is alive the kingdom of God God's inheritance inheritance it will continue as it is.

[ 35 : 29 ] So what the people are really saying is we like the kingdom just like this. We don't want it to change. They're going to learn the lesson as goes the king so goes the kingdom.

How is it going for Saul up to this point? Not good. Not leading anyone back to God. Not stepping up and purifying the kingdom from the obvious enemies that have taken the hill of God.

That's how it's going to go with Israel. Is this the king that you want to live forever? And the people shouted long live the king.

The sad reality of sin their sin my sin and yours is this. When when sin has a grip or a foothold.

You know the sin is not good. Paul says in Romans 7 I actually hate it. But you pray and you see like this sin in my life it needs to be someone stronger than me to set me free from it.

[ 36 : 46 ] And until the Lord himself by power sets you free and purges and cleanses his kingdom which is you. You're his temple. His life. It's your life. Until the Lord does it.

It's like that Philistine garrison on the hill of the Lord. You're powerless just like Saul. And I'm powerless. We're probably worse than Saul. And the Holy Spirit inside God's people he wants to show you how foolish this is.

See you're saying to this idol may you live like this in my life forever. I like my life exactly how it is now. I don't want the Lord to come and disrupt it.

God came in King Jesus to show you and me there is a better kingdom. There's a better life. And where you fail where you're too weak the Lord will cleanse you.

Now there's also I think an application from Saul. He's chosen by God. He's put into this position. Maybe like Esther she's reluctant and doesn't know what to do or even if she wants all this responsibility.



[ 38 : 02 ] But for such a time as this the Lord has placed you where he's placed you. And when the Lord gives you a position of influence it could be influence over one person in your family. Maybe a younger sibling.

Maybe a friend that you're back in touch with now. You have a chance to influence them. You want to use that position of influence and point them to the Lord.

Lead them back to God. Do what Saul failed to do. Show them look I'm the first one to confess my sin and repent and come with me because God is a good and gracious king.

Lead your friend. Lead those people God is entrusted to your care back to his kingdom. And you do it soli deo gloria for the glory of God alone. Well that's the last of this passage and we see as it ends that not only did Saul fail to lead the people in repentance and he failed to declare the Lord of armies to this rebellious people.

He failed to point them back to the true king God on high who's been their help who delivered them out of slavery. And what's more by neglecting and being passive Saul actually becomes the object of their idolatry.

[ 39 : 14 ] Well you and I we want security just as badly as these ancient Israelites. And our hearts can just as easily set our hopes on lesser things on idols that are just as foolish.

And none of those things can secure our future or provide the stability that we want. So I want to leave you with this word of hope. Even in the shadows of this passage of chapter 10 in the work of God ordaining every event that happens we see signs that are given very clearly to mark out the king.

What sign does God give in this story that can help us as God's people to recognize our true king? See in literature an archetype is a pattern that repeats itself in multiple stories to highlight a motif or a theme.

The theme of this chapter obviously is the kingdom of God. And it's being administered on earth by a man. It's this English theologian named Alistair Roberts who helped me to see this.

Look at the signs. Go back to chapter 10 verse 3. Do you remember those men that Samuel told him would be bringing goats loaves of bread a skin of wine and then there would be followed by music.

[ 40 : 39 ] You remember those signs? And then we read in verse 9 Saul's heart would change even though it would be temporarily and it wouldn't affect the whole nation.

It would be a sign. These are signs of the kingdom but they're only an archetype. They're only signs we can trace out if they show up in other stories. Would you turn next to 1 Samuel chapter 16.

Look at 1 Samuel 16 19 just a few pages forward. Let's see if we find those same signs and develop an archetype here.

Are these pointing to the king to the kingdom? Well the next king after Saul is going to be David. Look at this amazing description. Saul says send me your son David who is with the sheep.

Then Jesse took a donkey there's a donkey loaded with bread and skins of wine and a young goat. They're all there.

[ 41 : 47 ] And he sent him with his son David to Saul. David plays music in the court of the king and we're told that Saul's heart changes. Exact same events. The donkey the goats the bread the wine music and a changed heart.

Well now we got to look at the New Testament. Would you turn to Luke chapter 19? Luke chapter 19.

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Remember we're listening for a donkey a blood sacrifice bread wine music. Luke chapter 19 verse 30.

Jesus tells his disciples as you enter the village you will find a colt tied there now in Luke chapter 19 look at verse 45 where Saul neglected to drive out the Philistines in the garrison of the holy hill of God Jesus Christ drives out those who are buying and selling in the holy temple this is God's domain now if you keep going in Luke look at Luke chapter 22 verse 10 what about the goat the blood sacrifice the bread the wine and the music Luke 22 chapter 10 behold he tells his disciples when you enter the city a man carrying a pitcher of water you'll see him coming down follow him into a house he'll show you to the upper room and there make ready the Passover what do you do to make ready the Passover you take a blood sacrifice a lamb you prepare the bread you prepare all the utensils you leave the wine and the cups ready to be served when the Lord administers the Lord's Supper we read this every single week they ate the blood sacrifice he says

[ 44 : 07 ] I'm your Passover lamb he gives him the bread he gives him the fruit of the vine and then they sing a song and then they departed where Saul is set to go wait for seven days after Christ's work is done which we'll celebrate with Good Friday and Easter he tells the church go and wait the Holy Spirit is poured out on the church in Acts 2 their hearts are changed but now it's not just a temporary change it's the whole nation of God everyone who will believe will have a changed heart so those are the signs and there's the fulfillment from the shadows the substance Jesus Christ he shows up and those who know the Bible they know to look for him the true king and this is one small way one small shadow every chapter of the Old Testament points to Christ in so many different glorious ways our lifetimes are too short to study all of it behold King Jesus that's the takeaway from 1 Samuel chapter 5 you need a greater king and behold in Jesus Christ he has come there are a few contrasts that we can draw here as well see Saul's heart was never perfectly aligned to God on earth we need a king whose heart will be unbending always consummately in every way aligned to the will of God in heaven we're told at the end of chapter 10 of 1 Samuel that a few valiant men went with Saul whose hearts

God had touched and now because the Holy Spirit has been poured out on his church all those whose hearts the Holy Spirit touches they follow King Jesus to be a Christian is to be one of those valiant men that God himself has said follow this king and you do it in chapter 10 of 1 Samuel verse 16 we're told that sad insight in talking with his uncle that of the kingdom of God Saul said nothing and when all the people are gathered at Mizpah Saul called no one to repent he led no one back to God but behold King Jesus in Mark 1 14 and 15 he came preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God and saying the time is fulfilled the kingdom of God is at hand repent and believe in the gospel calling everyone whosoever will to go to God turn back to him the kingdom of God is at hand in Jesus Christ in 1 Samuel chapter 10 verse 21 we are told that Saul the son of Kish was chosen and when they sought him they could not find him well behold in King Jesus the son of God

God the son he was chosen to accomplish God's eternal plan and because he succeeded he calls everyone whosoever will to come to God in him and come to God while he may be found Christ is here to extend grace and draw everyone to the father who will believe in him for you and me as God's people to enjoy security the king must be the one to lead the people back to God and behold King Jesus he has done this in Saul the Lord Jesus in Saul God took an embarrassingly unqualified man and elevated him the contrast is Jesus Christ is the only qualified man already elevated at the right hand of God and yet he descended he took on a body Hebrews 10 says a body you have prepared for me and I have come to do your will God anointed Saul with oil to please sinners but because he's well pleased in his son

God the father anointed King Jesus with his Holy Spirit so that he would save sinners like you and like me in John 14:6 Jesus says I am the way to the father no one comes to the father except through me so come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden I'll take you to the father I'm the only one who can Jesus hides from no one he's lifted up so all the world can see him for you and me to enjoy security as God's people the king must purify and care for his kingdom on earth we read in Revelation 1 King Jesus is the one who loved us and washed us from our sins with his own blood so that we can enjoy communion with God just like every nation or every kingdom has an anthem all of those who belong to King Jesus and his kingdom we have an anthem as well it's a glorious anthem even though there's many melodies to it many lyrics many different languages it tells one great story and it's that God saves sinners by his amazing grace through Jesus Christ the king and the lord of all so we join our voices like we will in a moment we say amazing grace how sweet the sound that saves a wretch like me

I once was lost but now I'm found I was blind but now I see we sing this together one voice changed hearts I love the line also reminds us the lord has promised good to me his word my hope secures he will my shield and my portion be as long as life endures king Jesus has done all that is required for the kingdom of heaven to come to earth make sure Jesus Christ is your king today and then enjoy security with all his people in his kingdom would you pray respond in this way to the lord voy forbade