

**Kingdom Expectations Series – Part 2:  
God & Kingdom: Back to the Future – I Sam.8:1-22; Ps.5:1-7; Ps.24:1-10**

0.0 Introduction

Last week we said *Kingdom* at heart of Jesus' ministry – but why, & where idea from?

1.0 God the King

- 1.1 Presiding over the Creation (Gen.1-2) – and ongoing possessor (Ps.24:1-2)
- 1.2 Rightful king over Israel-in-Canaan (I Sam.8:7-8,22)
- 1.3 A believer's own king (Ps.5:2) – providential care
- 1.4 With honor and majesty (Ps.24:7-10)

2.0 Possibilities for Kings

2.1 Potentials for good:

- such authorities should protect the innocent and prosecute offenders (Rom.13:1-4)
- singular & central leadership as rallying point even for diverse peoples
- sense of consistency & precedence

2.2 Problem potentials:

- “Power tends to corrupt; absolute power corrupts absolutely” (Lord Acton)
- monarchs' self-interest identified by Samuel
- common people can idolatry their leaders
- temples for emperor worship @ Caes-Phil and Psid Ant attest to this

2.3 Prudent ambivalence: Paul twice commended authority (Rom.13; I Tim.2:1-3), yet likely died under Nero; Jesus dubbed Herod Antipas “that fox” (Lk.13:31-32)

3.0 What This Means for Us Today

3.1 A lesson from Augustine (*City of God*, 1.1 - p.6)

“From this world's city there arise enemies against whom the City of God has to be defended, though many of these correct their godless errors and become useful citizens of that City.

3.2 A lesson from the *libellus* (3rdC Roman certificate): honor, not adoration, and involvement without presumption of control (balance)

3.3 A lesson from Paul: pray for our leaders (I Tim.2:1-3) – Let's join here on Oct.14 @ 7pm (remember their humanity/frailty; ask for balance of justice/mercy; right use of power)

***Upcoming: Oct.4 – Kingdom Expectations – Part 3:  
What's Hope Got to Do With It? – Col.1:3-5; Rom.8:18-26***

***Oct.11 – Elder Brian Barsottini, guest preaching***

***Oct.18 - Kingdom Expectations – Part 4: Messiah & Kingdom – Pss.2, 110***

# 1 Samuel 8 (NASB)

## Israel Demands a King

<sup>8</sup> And it came about when Samuel was old that he appointed his sons judges over Israel. <sup>2</sup> Now the name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; *they* were judging in Beersheba. <sup>3</sup> His sons, however, did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after dishonest gain and took bribes and perverted justice.

<sup>4</sup> Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah; <sup>5</sup> and they said to him, “Behold, you have grown old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations.” <sup>6</sup> But the thing was displeasing in the sight of Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the LORD. <sup>7</sup> The LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them. <sup>8</sup> Like all the deeds which they have done since the day that I brought them up from Egypt even to this day—in that they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also. <sup>9</sup> Now then, listen to their voice; however, you shall solemnly warn them and tell them of the procedure of the king who will reign over them.”

## Warning concerning a King

<sup>10</sup> So Samuel spoke all the words of the LORD to the people who had asked of him a king. <sup>11</sup> He said, “This will be the procedure of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and place *them* for himself in his chariots and among his horsemen and they will run before his chariots. <sup>12</sup> He will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and of fifties, and *some* to do his plowing and to reap his harvest and to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. <sup>13</sup> He will also take your daughters for perfumers and cooks and bakers. <sup>14</sup> He will take the best of your fields and your vineyards and your olive groves and give *them* to his servants. <sup>15</sup> He will take a tenth of your seed and of your vineyards and give to his officers and to his servants. <sup>16</sup> He will also take your male servants and your female servants and your best young men and your donkeys and use *them* for his work. <sup>17</sup> He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his servants. <sup>18</sup> Then you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

<sup>19</sup> Nevertheless, the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel, and they said, “No, but there shall be a king over us, <sup>20</sup> that we also may be like all the nations, that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.” <sup>21</sup> Now after Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the LORD’s hearing. <sup>22</sup> The LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to their voice and appoint them a king.” So Samuel said to the men of Israel, “Go every man to his city.”

# Psalm 5:1-7 (NASB)

**Prayer for Protection from the Wicked.**

**For the choir director; for flute accompaniment. A Psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup> Give ear to my words, O LORD,  
Consider my groaning.

<sup>2</sup> Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and my God,  
For to You I pray.

<sup>3</sup> In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice;  
In the morning I will order *my prayer* to You and *eagerly* watch.

<sup>4</sup> For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness;  
No evil dwells with You.

<sup>5</sup> The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes;  
You hate all who do iniquity.

<sup>6</sup> You destroy those who speak falsehood;  
The LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.

<sup>7</sup> But as for me, by Your abundant lovingkindness I will enter Your house,  
At Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for You.

# Psalm 24 (NASB)

**The King of Glory Entering Zion.**

**A Psalm of David.**

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD'S, and all it contains,  
The world, and those who dwell in it.

<sup>2</sup> For He has founded it upon the seas  
And established it upon the rivers.

<sup>3</sup> Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?  
And who may stand in His holy place?

<sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
Who has not lifted up his soul to falsehood  
And has not sworn deceitfully.

<sup>5</sup> He shall receive a blessing from the LORD  
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

<sup>6</sup> This is the generation of those who seek Him,  
Who seek Your face—even Jacob. Selah.

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates,  
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,  
That the King of glory may come in!

<sup>8</sup> Who is the King of glory?  
The LORD strong and mighty,  
The LORD mighty in battle.

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates,  
And lift *them* up, O ancient doors,  
That the King of glory may come in!

<sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD of hosts,  
He is the King of glory. Selah.