Week 3: King Saul is Anointed

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Objective:

- Repentance brings victory and success
- Israel compares itself with the other nations and why it is wrong
- Listen to God even if we don't like or understand the commandment

Resources:

- Fr. Tadros Y. Malaty Commentary
- Catena Bible Commentary

Reading:

- General
  - 1 Samuel 7-10
- Specific
  - Today we have 3 stories
  - Story #1 (Israel defeats the Philistines)
    - Read and summarize 1 Samuel 7:2-14
  - Story #2 (Israel demands a king and Samuel is offended)
    - Read and summarize 1 Samuel 7:15-17 then 1 Samuel 8
  - Story #3 (Saul and his donkeys) anointed as king
    - Read and summarize 1 Samuel 9

Key verse(s):

"If you return to the Lord with all your hearts, *then* put away the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths[a] from among you, and prepare your hearts for the Lord, and serve Him only; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines." 1 Samuel 7:3

Review questions:

1. What is Ebenezer? And what did it mean?
2. What was the consequence when the Israelites returned to the LORD with all their hearts?
3. What steps did the people of Israel take to restore their relationship with God?
4. What was the consequence of the Israelites return to the LORD with all their hearts?
5. What was Samuel's prophecy about the king who will reign over the Israelites?
6. What reasons does Israel give in their request for a king?
7. Why would asking for a king be rejecting God?

8. Why were the Israelites willing to ignore God’s warnings?

Homework:

1. The men of _____ came and took up the Ark of the LORD. They took it to the house of _____ on the hill
   and consecrated _____ his son to guard it.
2. The Philistines were routed before the Israelites because:
   a- The Israelites put away their Baals and Ashtoreths, and served the LORD only.
   b- The Israelites fasted and confessed that they have sinned against the LORD and Samuel interceded with
   the LORD for them.
   c- Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it up as a whole Burnt Offering to the LORD and he cried out to
   the LORD on Israel's behalf, and the LORD answered him.
   d- All of the above.
   e- The Israelites were so strong.
3. What was Samuel’s advice to the people of Israel so that the LORD can deliver them from the hands of the
   Philistines?
4. Where did Samuel build an altar to the LORD?
5. As a result of the sins of Samuel’s sons all the elders wanted:
   a) to kill Samuel’s sons b) to assign two other judges c) to have a king
6. After what Samuel told the elders of Israel concerning what will happen to Israel when they had a king, they:
   a) asked Samuel to pray for them b) asked Samuel to forget about their request c) disregarded Samuel
   warning and insisted on having a king
7. What are the names of Samuel’s sons? What were their jobs?
8. What was God’s response to Samuel’s prayer about the request of the elders of Israel?

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