

Samuel's Passionate Retirement Speech

1 Samuel 11.14-12.25

**Change in role for a great man of God
moving on gracefully, v2,23; 8.6**

1. A Record Worth Defending, vs1-5

Samuel in the dock v3;

leaders can defend themselves!

2 Cor 1.12;7.2; 1 Thess 2.3-5

➤ **retirement, not dismissal vs 1-2**

he had set up his successor

➤ **he had always led with integrity v3**

not abused his position, power

8.3,5; 1 Tim 6.9-10;

- leaders must be servants

1 Pet 5.2-3

➤ **a good example for the future vs4-5**

acknowledged by the people

2. A God Worth Revering, vs6-18

learn from the past Rom 15.4

- **God provides leaders vs6-8**
for his people
his choice, not ours
- **Forget God, invite defeat v9**
forget – forsake – alternatives
setbacks drive us back to God
John 15.5
- **Repentance – vs 10-11**
the route to restoration
attitudes must change,
not just structure
- **Trust God vs 12-18**
the key to blessing

3. A Practise Worth Perfecting, vs19-25

serve the Lord with all your heart

- **two tasks for Samuel, v23**
- intercession and instruction
there's no retirement from praying
- **two calls to God's people v19-21,24**
don't give up – give it your all
there's a way back to God
- **two words to take to heart vs22,25**
be assured – be warned
it's not what we hear that counts
but what we do with it