

# The Clamour for a King

*1 Samuel 8*

## 1. The Biggest Pain of Parenthood

(vs1-3)

*godly parents, ungodly offspring*

### ➤ *Two perils*

- *patronage v1; 2.12,17,22*

*God looks at our hearts 16.7*

- *personal gain v3; Ex 23.8*

*guard against greed Lk 12.15*

*Mat 6.24; 1 Tim 6.9-10*

### ➤ *Parental pain*

- *great anguish*

*high hopes 1.11,27-28*

- *great soul searching*

*where did we go wrong?*

- *greater understanding of God*

*his own broken heart Lk 15*

- *personal responsibility Ezk 18.20*

## 2. The Peril of Wanting to be Like Everyone Else, vs 4-22

*John 17.15-18; Rom 12.2*

- *right analysis, wrong conclusions well meaning, but misguided vs4-5*
- *right action, hard words to hear “take it to the Lord in prayer” vs6-8 change doesn’t imply rejection*
- *right warning, wrong response dangers of kingship vs9-20; Deut 17.14-20*
  - conscription for army, vs11-12*
  - conscription for palace, vs 12-13*
  - seizure of land, v14*
  - heavy taxation, vs 15-17*
  - slavery all over again v17*
  - live with consequences of folly v18*
- *right response, unexpected words give them what they want vs21-22 show me the way I should go Ps 143.8*