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1 Samuel 10:17-24  
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INTRODUCTION:

Years ago, King Midas, when granted the right to request one wish, asked for everything he touched to turn to gold and was given a golden hand as a result. If you've ever heard the old Midas brakes commercials "That's the Midas touch," the idea is everything they work on becomes valuable. Kind Midas touched vessels of pottery and clay jars, furniture and coinage, and became one of the richest men to ever live. Then one day, when his daughter returned to visit him and ran to embrace the king, as he reached out his hand to receive her, she too turned to gold. Kind Midas got what he wanted, but he didn't consider the consequences.

What happens when getting what you want ruins your life?

There's a whole genre of market shares out there advertising how you can get what you most want

"Being frustrated is disagreeable, but the real disasters of life begin when you get what you want."

—Irving Kristol (1920—), U.S. author  
*As quoted in "Wit & Wisdom," The Week (6-6-08), p. 17;*  
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You can't always get what you want, but when you do, look out

## BACKGROUND:

Eli the priest dies after the Philistines capture the ark

“And she (Eli's daughter-in-law) named the child Ichabod, saying, ‘The glory has departed from Israel!’ because the ark of God had been captured and because of her father in-law and her husband. And she said, ‘The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured.’” - 1 Samuel 4:21-22

Washington Irving's character in Legend of Sleepy Hollow

The glory of the Lord departing

not by songs you do or don't sing, but by the thoughts and conditions of the heart

that's always the question of worship

the condition of your heart will determine your response

The Philistines soon discover they can't handle the ark of God

Dagon cut off, tumors result,

They attempt to move the ark, then finally return it with an offering

Samuel says to Israel (having served as Israel's de-facto judge):

“If you are returning to the Lord with all your heart, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtaroath from among you and direct your heart to the Lord and serve him only, and he will deliver you...” - 1 Samuel 7:3

- 1.) Return with all your heart
- 2.) Put away false gods
- 3.) Direct your heart to the Lord
- 4.) Serve him only

“Here I raise mine Ebenezer” - 1 Samuel 7:12

Samuel takes a stone:

“Till now the Lord has helped us.” (Ebenezer = stone of help)

Samuel's own sons did not walk in his ways

People demand: “Lord, give us a king” - troubles Samuel

“And the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.’” - 1 Sam. 8:7

“According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you.” - 1 Sam. 8:8

It's okay, God. We've got this

Obey their voice, but show them the ways of the king who will reign over them

Sometimes God gives us what we want when it's not we need

Most dangerous prayers you can pray are not “Thy will be done” but “My will be done”

God I want what I want regardless of what you want

Deep inside, you fear that the future life you want is better than the one God has purposed for you (paraphrase of Mark Dever)

The life you create is better than the one God creates

I am captain of my ship; I am master of my fate

And so God says, “Have it your way” and leaves us to our own devices

When you go down that road, it runs straight into hell

Rather than worshiping the God who redeems your life from destruction, you're in the middle of that destruction

Lord, make me rich, and you fall in love with money

Lord, give me a pretty wife, and she's pretty, but she ain't Godly

Lord, give me a handsome husband, and he's happy, but he doesn't love Jesus

Lord, make me happy, and your happiness depends on worldly things

Lord, give me a bigger or better church, but the one you belong to is exactly where you'll grow the most

Lord, take away my suffering, and yet that suffering may be the road God uses to lead you to unending joy

So fixated on political leaders...

He'll fix all our issues

He won't even have to deal with Congress or the Judicial Branch

Lord, give us a king

Be careful when you pray more for what you want than for what you need. You might not like the result.

I don't know about you, but I thank God that there are times when he refuses to answer my prayers

You may be in the middle of a mess, but if it's God mess, don't be in a hurry to clean it up

(Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he said, "Come, let us go to the seer," for today's "prophet" was formerly called a seer.) - 1 Samuel 9:9

"Is the seer here?"

**15** Now the day before Saul came, the Lord had revealed to Samuel:**16** "Tomorrow about this time I will send to you a man from the land of Benjamin, and you shall anoint him to be prince over my people Israel. He shall save my people from the hand of the Philistines. For I have seen my people, because their cry has come to me."

**21** Saul answered, "Am I not a Benjaminite, from the least of the tribes of Israel? And is not my clan the humblest of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then have you spoken to me in this way?"

Saul seems to be an ideal candidate for the kingship, tall and handsome, humble...

We often have a negative view of Saul since we know how his life ended, but it wasn't always this way

"...Stop here yourself for a while, that I may make known to you the word of God." - vs. 27

## PROPHETIC ANOINTING:

1 Samuel 10, Saul appears to be given the gift of prophecy  
you will prophesy before them and be turned into another  
man - vs. 6

Spirit of God rushed upon him, and he prophesied among  
them - vs. 10

God anointed Saul

The people of Israel are experiencing the consequences of  
their foolish choice, but God is working through it

Sometimes God will use some of the most difficult people  
in your life to accomplish his purposes in you

**10:9** When he turned his back to leave Samuel, God gave him  
another heart. (would this be a new heart?)

“And he said to the people of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord, the  
God of Israel, ‘I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I delivered  
you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all  
the kingdoms that were oppressing you.’ But today you have  
rejected your God, who saves you from all your calamities and  
your distresses, and you have said to him, ‘Set a king over us.’  
- 1 Samuel 10:18-19



vs. 24 - And all the people shouted, "Long live the king!"

but there's another king

one who is despised and rejected of men...

there's a difference between the king you want and the king you need

The king you want gives you what you want - the things of man

The king you need gives you what you need - the things of God

The king you want gives you what's in your heart; the king you need changes the very nature of your heart.

God turns Israel over to its own fate yet at the same time intervenes on Israel's behalf

## APPLICATION:

What Samuel says to Israel the Lord says to us today:

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Rend your hearts and not your garments

Sermon Audio (also in iTunes store):

<http://www.barryefields.org/podcast/2018/7/25/prophets-priests-kings-when-god-gives-you-what-you-want-1-samuel-1017-24>

Sermon Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrT-pOWwB7VtD4ucZC5-hdw>