**THE ELECTION THE LORD LOST**

**I Samuel 8:7**

[**7**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Samuel-8-7/)**And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*Israel rejected God with their voice which was their vote.**

**1. The Leadership of the Lord has been rejected.**

 **a. God leads through the Holy Scripture, but it has been rejected.**

 **b. God leads through the Holy Spirit, but it has been rejected.**

 **2. The Lordship of the Lord has been rejected.**

 **\*\*They have rejected Him from being Lord . . .**

 **a. In Communities**

 **b. In Cultures**

 **c. In Countries**

 **d. In Churches**

**3. The Love of the Lord has been rejected.**

 **a. That’s why people have become so Carnal.**

 **b. That’s why people have become so Cold.**

 **c. That’s why people have become so Callus.**

**\*\*God basically told Samuel that the people had spoken, and they did not want Him to reign over them! So He said, just give them what they want; however, He warned them how they would not like the leader they were about to get!**

**\*\*You may not step into a booth or cast a ballot, but when anyone rejects the reign of God in their society, in their sanctuary, or in their soul, they have casted a vote against God!**

**BODY – Let’s look at The Election the Lord Lost**

**I. LOOK AT THE SOBERING REALITY**

**\*\*We see a specific Attitude and a specific Atmosphere.**

 **A. Notice their Misconduct**

**I Samuel 8:1, 3** [**1**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Samuel-8-1/)**And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.** [**3**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-Samuel-8-3/)**And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.**

**\*\*Many have casted their vote against God . . .**

 **1. To make their Compensation Corrupt**

 **2. To make their Conduct Corrupt**

 **3. To make their Conclusions Corrupt**

 **4. To make the Church Corrupt**

 **B. Notice their Motivation**

 **I Samuel 8:5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.**

**\*\*It was easy for them to say that Samuel was Worn. “Behold thou art old”**

**\*\*It was easy for them to say the sons were Wicked.**

**“and thy sons walk not in thy ways:”**

**\*\*However, that was not the real motivation; those were just convenient facts. The real motivation was they got their eyes off God and started looking at others.**

 **1. They looked at other nations and wanted a new Kingdom.**

 **2. They looked at other nations and wanted a new King.**

**\*\*That is still why people reject God and vote against God; they start looking at other people, other plans, other places and soon reject God and vote against Him in their hearts.**

 **C. Notice their Move**

**V-7 for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me,**

**\*\*God made sure Samuel knew that the people weren’t rejecting the Spiritual Leader, but they were rejecting a Sovereign Lord! They were voting God out!**

**\*\*As I said before, they were rejecting . . .**

 **1. His Leadership**

 **2. His Lordship**

 **3. His Love**

**\*\*They were rejecting the very one who gave them protection, provisions, and power.**

**\*\*Please do not cast your vote against God!**

**II. LOOK AT THE SOLUMN REBUKE**

**I Samuel 8:9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.**

**\*\*God told Samuel to let them have it their way, but solemnly show them what they will receive.**

 **A. The Cost Described**

**\*\*Having things our way is great until we realize we’ve lost our friendship and fellowship with God!**

 **1. We See A Measure of Bondage**

**I Samuel 8:11-13 And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and some shall run before his chariots. 12And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties; . . . 13 And he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers.**

 **a. Bondage takes you from the Fullness of Joy.**

 **b. Bondage takes you from the Freedom of Jesus.**

 **2. We See A Multitude of Burdens**

**\*\*We find that they vocally voted for a new King and God said this will affect . . .**

 **a. Your Freedom**

 **b. Your Finances**

 **c. Your Family**

**\*\*Your decisions will affect everything and everyone around you!**

 **B. The Consequences Declared**

**I Samuel 8:18 And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the Lord will not hear you in that day.**

**\*\*When we vocally cast our vote against God and dethrone Him from our hearts and from our homes, we can go so far that we . . .**

 **1. Shut Off God from our lives.**

 **2. Shut Out God from our lives.**

**\*\*Please do not cast your vote against God!**

**III. LOOK AT THE SADDENING REBELLION**

 **A. Their Defiance**

**I Samuel 8:19-20a Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; 20That we also may be like all the nations;**

 **1. They wanted their way despite God’s Warnings**

 **2. They wanted their way despite God’s Will**

**\*\*Our communities, our country, our churches, and even some of our children have reached this high level of witchcraft rebellion and disobedience toward God.**

**\*\*Never has there been a time that so many people as a majority has totally rejected God’s Warnings and God’s Will, and the consequences are coming because with our voice we have voted against God!**

 **B. Their Dream**

**I Samuel 8:20 That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.**

**\*\*Israel had no idea who this new king would be, but oh they had a dream of what he would be.**

 **1. Their Dream King would be Tolerant**

 **“our king may judge us” - No one wants to be judged . . . unless the judgment always goes in their favor.**

 **2. Their Dream King would be Tangible**

**“and go out before us”**

 **a. They want a king that can be Visible.**

 **b. They want a king that can be Verified.**

 **3. Their Dream King would be Triumphant**

**“and fight our battles.” - Some folks only want the parts of God that they really like.**

 **C. The Decision**

**I Samuel 8:22 And the Lord said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.**

**\*\*In this election that God lost, Israel thought they made the decision, but God was still in control, and He was the deciding vote. He just voted to let them have their way.**

**\*\*Rebellious hearts might be allowed to get their way and even think they have had great victories, but God is still calling the shots and still on His throne!**

 **\*\*God can be voted out and lose the election, but because He is God He cannot be . . .**

 **1. Defeated**

 **2. Dethroned**

 **3. Destroyed**

**\*\*Please do not cast your vote against God!**

**CLOSE**

**1. Do you know when election day is? It is everyday of your life.**

**2. Every day you wake up, you have a choice to make. Today I’ll cast a vote to receive Christ in my life or today I’ll cast a vote to reject Christ from my life.**

**3. You are the only voter in this election. So no matter how you vote, you will get what you vote for.**

**4. This election in Israel was one of many elections that God has lost, but I promise you that everyone who votes against Him end up being the losers because He is the undefeated Christ and King!**