

# Samuel's Summary

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1 Samuel 12:1-25

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## Remember the Background

- 1 Sam 11:12-15 Saul is made king
- v15 Samuel is not mentioned only the people
- Gilgal: place where people camped<sup>Josh5:10</sup> before entering the promised land; where the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Israelites circumcised<sup>Josh5:7:20</sup> and renewed their covenant with God; where Joshua erected a memorial<sup>Josh4:20</sup> of 12 stones; it was one of the cities on Samuel's circuit<sup>7:16</sup>; place where Saul was told to wait for Samuel<sup>10:8</sup>

## Samuel's Review & Rebuke

- People rejoicing over Saul's victory from the Ammonites
- Saul was careful to give glory to the Lord<sup>11:13</sup>
- Easy for people to start trusting Saul rather than God
- Samuel covered his ministry - he did not take wrongly
- People agreed his ministry was faithful<sup>4-5</sup>
- Samuel foreshadows Jesus - blameless ministry<sup>Jn8:46</sup>

## Look at God's Hand 6-11

- Brief history from Moses until the present
- God enabled Moses & Aaron to do mighty works
- Judgement "stand still"<sup>7</sup>
- God has given terms of covenant<sup>Dt28-30; Lev26</sup>
- People faithless - 7 cycles of the Judges
- But God faithful to His people each time

## Fear the Lord 12-15

- When faced with Nahash, people wanted human king
- God graciously gave them that...
- Don't forget v14-15! Covenant blessings & curses

## Know the Lord 16-19

- Once again "stand still"<sup>16</sup> see God's power
- Dry season - thunder and rain very rare
- People feared the Lord greatly

## Obey the Lord 20-22

- Samuel moves from 'fear the Lord' to 'Fear not'
- Look at God's character, you are His people!

## Samuel's Example 23-25

- Samuel declares no matter how the people act
- Samuel will pray for and instruct them in God's Word

## So What?

- v20 yes, you've sinned greatly but look to God in faith!
- Remember your identity as God's chosen people
- Don't keep looking to empty things<sup>21</sup>, walk in faith!
- God will not forsake you if you obey and He will enable you
- God's people are for His glory<sup>Isa43:6-7</sup>
- God has chosen sinner to be His people<sup>1Pet2:9-10</sup>
- We celebrate this Gospel reality every Lord's Day
- The Triune God worked together to redeem us
- Christ came and redeemed us that we might be God's<sup>Rom4:4-8</sup>
- Jesus now makes intercession for His people<sup>Heb7:25</sup>