

## Introduction

1. Samuel was the last good judge of Israel before they desired to have a man to be their king ([1 Sam. 7:15-8:5](#))
  - a. Samuel had godly parents in Elkanah and Hannah ([1 Sam. 1:1-2:11, 18-21](#))
  - b. The Bible speaks highly of Samuel ([Ps. 99:6](#); [Jer. 15:1](#))

## I. Samuel's Service: In Youth

1. At a young age, Samuel was active in service to God ([1 Sam. 2:11, 18](#))
2. Samuel understood the importance of listening to the LORD ([1 Sam. 3:1-10](#))

## II. Samuel's Supplications

1. After the ark of the covenant of God was stolen and returned by the Philistines, it remained in Kirjath Jearim for twenty years ([1 Sam. 4:1b-7:2a](#))
  - a. The children of Israel lamented after the LORD ([1 Sam. 7:2b](#))
  - b. This prompted Samuel to call the people to repentance ([1 Sam. 7:3](#))
  - c. The people responded by putting away their idols and served the LORD only ([1 Sam. 7:4](#))
2. Samuel prayed in time of repentance ([1 Sam. 7:5-9](#))
  - a. The people confessed their sin ([1 Sam. 7:6](#))
  - b. Sacrifice was needed due to their sin ([1 Sam. 7:9](#))
  - c. God heard Samuel's prayer and fought for Israel ([1 Sam. 7:10-11](#))
3. Samuel prayed in time of rebellion ([1 Sam. 8:1-6](#))
  - a. It is always a dark day when the people of God reject God ([1 Sam. 8:7-9](#))

## III. Samuel's Service: In Adulthood

1. After Saul was anointed as king of Israel, Samuel called the people to witness against him any stealing, cheating, oppression, or bribery that he had done to them ([1 Sam. 12:1-5](#))
  - a. All of these things the LORD hates ([Lev. 19:11-15](#); [Dt. 16:19](#); [Pr. 17:23](#))
  - b. Those that fear the LORD will be honest in their dealings with others as Samuel was
2. Samuel called the people to fear the LORD, serve Him, and obey Him ([1 Sam. 12:13-15](#))

- a. After God sent thunder and rain during wheat harvest, the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel and they requested prayer ([1 Sam. 12:16-25](#))
3. After Saul disobeyed the LORD in the matter of offerings, Samuel confronted him ([1 Sam. 13:8-14](#))
  - a. Samuel had told Saul to wait for him; Saul knew it, yet he still disobeyed. Why? He did not fear the LORD ([1 Sam. 10:8](#))
  - b. Samuel called this behavior foolishness, and it became the beginning of the end for Saul ([1 Sam. 13:13-14](#))
  - c. Those who reverence God, especially leaders, teachers, and preachers, need to stand up to foolishness ([Eph. 5:8-14](#); [Tt. 1:10-11](#); [2 Tim. 4:2](#); [Jd. 3](#))
4. After Saul disobeyed the LORD in the matter of the Amalekites, Samuel confronted him ([1 Sam. 15](#))
  - a. Samuel prayed to the LORD all night because of Saul's disobedience ([1 Sam. 15:11](#))
  - b. Samuel executed judgment on king Agag ([1 Sam. 15:32-33](#))
5. Even after physical death, Samuel served the LORD
  - a. Samuel died and was buried in Ramah ([1 Sam. 25:1](#))
  - b. Under distress from an impending attack of the Philistines, Saul sought a medium to attempt to speak to the dead ([1 Sam. 28:3-7](#))
  - c. Saul wanted Samuel called and to the medium's surprise, he came up ([1 Sam. 28:8-14](#))
  - d. Samuel reminded Saul of what the LORD had spoken and told him of his impending death ([1 Sam. 28:15-19](#))

## **Conclusion**

1. Samuel was a great man of God that feared the LORD
  - a. It was witnessed in his service and supplications
  - b. He stood up to foolishness and was not afraid to rebuke disobedience
  - c. He was an honest man that spoke and obeyed the voice of the LORD
2. After Saul died, David took the throne, a man after God's own heart ([1 Sam. 13:14](#); [Ac. 13:22](#))