I. Context of I Samuel: A Lesson – How God Engages with the Human Condition

A. Significance of the Request for a King

1. Gideon’s Voice in Judges: Judges 8:23

a. Fundamental Tenet of Faith Then and Now

(1) I Samuel 8:7; 12:12; Numbers 23:21; and Mal. 1:14

B. Significance of the Prediction and Prescription of this Request

1. Genesis 49:10; 17:6-16; 35:11; and Numbers 24:7-19

C. Significance of Prophesy for all the Bible

1. Compare the Genesis story with Revelation 13:8

2. Consider the Scope of God’s Provision and Plan for Redemption

a. Consider the Significance for the Present

b. Consider the Significance for the Future

II. Chapter Two: A Perspective on Punishment, Capital and Otherwise -- I Samuel 2:25

A. I Corinthians 11:31

III. Chapter Three: A Perspective on Revelation (not just the Book of Revelation)

IV. Chapters 4 – 7

A. A New Game: “Capture the Ark”

1. Eli and His Sons Realize They are not “Praying” in the Minor Leagues

B. Chapters 5 and 6: Pagans May Have more Faith Than we Give Them Credit

C. “If … then,” A Lesson in Repentance: I Samuel 7:3-17

1. The Power Which is Available

V. Chapter 8: Give Them What They Want

A. What Do We Want?

1. Jesus and the Blind, the Lame and the Leper

a. “What do you want?”

**Fairest Lord Jesus**

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| 1. Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  O thou of God and man the Son,  Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  Thou, my soul’s glory, joy and crown.  2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer  Who makes the woeful heart to sing | 3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  And all the twinkling starry host:  Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  Than all the angels heaven can boast.  4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  Son of God and Son of Man!  Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  Now and forevermore be thine. |