

GIVE THE PEOPLE WHAT THEY WANT!

1 Samuel 8:22 (KJV 1900) — 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.

Introduction:

What I am attempting to do is educate the church on the thoughtlessness of men in their ignorance of self in leading their own lives. What I mean, is people are clueless of how they should live their lives before a just and mighty God.

We are thinking everything is okay, when it's not okay, as long we are in a church or the church, and we are doing good things, claiming it in the name of the Lord it's all right, but that may not be so! (Matt 7:21-23)

Never contemplating their death even though men and women are dying every day, hardly ever thinking about their death and where they will spend eternity, when it's just around the corner. (Luke 12:13-21, Ps 39:5-8)

Hardly taking time to meditate on God's will in everyday life for His leading us in life according to His divine power and word. (Psa1:2, 119:10-16)

It's a proving fact that men have injected their own will into understanding the will of God and not allowing God's spirit to guide their lives into what they should believe and trust.

We will discover that man's desires intrude into God will with his own will, superseding the word therefore, not allowing God to rule and guide their lives by the Spirit of Truth. (John 4:21-24, 16:13, Gal. 3:24-25)

- ***Matt 15:1-4 examples of men intruding***
- Among the Jews it signifies what is **called oral law**, which they say has been **successively handed down from Moses, through every generation**. Of the estimation in which these were held by the Jews, the

following may serve as an example: "The words of the Scribes are lovely beyond the words of the law, for the words of the law are weighty and light, but the words of the Scribes are all weighty."

1. No matter what men say or do, let the Spirit of the word guide you. (John 16:13 Ps. 119:115 John 8:31-32)

a. Samuel He appointed his sons as lieutenants to superintend certain affairs in Beer-sheba, which he could not conveniently attend to himself. But they were never judges in the proper sense of the word; Samuel was the last judge in Israel, and he judged it to the day of his death. 1 Samuel 7:16., 8:1-2

- What were the duties of Judges?
- (Deut 1: 13-18, 16:18-20)
- **Hear *the causes* between brethren,**
- **Judge righteously between every man and his brother, stranger**
- **You shall not show respect to a persons in judgment;**
- **You shall hear small as well as great;**
- **Not be afraid of the men;**
- **The judge *is* God**

Deuteronomy 16:18-20 (KJV) ¹⁸**Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes: and they shall judge the people with just judgment. ¹⁹Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous. ²⁰That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.**

b. Actuation regarding Samuel's sons v:3

- They walked not in Samuel's ways.
- No reverence for God nor His righteousness.
- They turned aside after Lucre. (money, of getting money by hook or by crook)

- **They took bribes and gifts. (they had a blind eye to justice.)**
- **Perverted Judgment, (they turned judgment aside; they put it out of its regular path; they sold it to the highest bidder: thus the wicked rich man had his cause, and the poor man was oppressed and deprived of his rights.)**

2. The sons had evil intent.

- **Evil intent produces evil thoughts. This has been from beginning.**
 - **Was Eve not seduced by an evil thought? Gen. 3:3-6**
 - **Cain killed Able because of an evil thought. Gen. 4:6-8**
 - **The people in Noah's day. Gen. 6:5**
 - **When people feed on evil, the evil will come to light.**
- **Prior events that took place.**
 - **Elkanah had two wives, Hannah and Peninnah. 1 Sam 1**
 - **Hannah had no children, Peninnah had sons and daughters. v:4**
 - **Hannah endured grief provoked by Peninnah, because she had children.**
 - **To have no children in those days was a curse.**
 - **When life is so regretful, turn to God**
 - **God is always at work raising up righteous leaders.**