

## **SAMUEL EXITS THE STAGE OF PUBLIC MINISTRY**

(1 Samuel 12)

### **I. SAMUEL (1 Samuel 1-7)**

### **II. SAUL (1 Samuel 8-15)**

#### **A. VICTORY OVER THE AMMONITES (11:1-15)**

#### **B. SAMUEL'S FAREWELL ADDRESS (12:1-25)**

##### **1. Samuel's REVIEW of his own MINISTRY and integrity as judge over Israel (12:1-5)**

- a. The prophet acknowledged his \_\_\_\_\_, as he intended to "bow out of the picture;" he once again presented the king that the \_\_\_\_\_ had requested.
  
- b. The prophet called \_\_\_\_\_ and the king to the stand as \_\_\_\_\_ to his life and ministry.

\* What does this underscore concerning spiritual leadership?

- c. The prophet asked the people to bring forth \_\_\_\_\_ if there were any " \_\_\_\_\_ " of sin to grab on to in his life.

\* What does this say about the importance of your personal testimony?

##### **2. Samuel's REMINDER to the people of their own UNFAITHFULNESS towards God (12:6-15)**

- a. Samuel once again \_\_\_\_\_ people to the Lord as he gave Him the \_\_\_\_\_ for the Exodus out of Egypt, i.e., for their very \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- b. Samuel cited several examples from Israel's past of the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_; in so doing he highlighted Jehovah's amazing \_\_\_\_\_ towards the nation.
  
- c. Samuel laid out the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of this new arrangement; the key word " \_\_\_\_\_ " is found in both verses 14 and 15.

**3. Samuel's MESSAGE CONFIRMED by a thunderstorm from God (12:16-19)**

- a. To \_\_\_\_\_ his words Samuel called upon the Lord to send rain during the \_\_\_\_\_ season.

\* Why would this be significant?

\* According to v. 17, what did the prophet hope to accomplish with this sign?

- b. The people of Israel asked Samuel to \_\_\_\_\_ for them when they acknowledged, *"for we have added to all our \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of asking a king for ourselves."*

**4. Samuel's COMMENDATION of the people to the MERCY of God (12:20-25)**

- a. The aged prophet calmed the people and said, *"Do not fear; you have done all this wickedness; yet \_\_\_\_\_ turn aside from following the Lord, but \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord with \_\_\_\_\_ your heart."*

\* What does this tell you about the God in whom you serve?

- b. Samuel gave Israel a very comforting promise, *"For the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ His people, for \_\_\_\_\_ great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you His people."*

\* Is the Lord reliable when it comes to keeping His promises?

\* What two responsibilities did Samuel view as his spiritual "duty"?

\* How does this chapter apply to you?