

## LESSON 23:

Despite being solemnly warned by Samuel, Israel continues to demand a King. We begin today in 1 Samuel 8.

Gen. 2:17, 3:1-7, 16, 21:1-7, 35:23-26, 41, 45:1-5, 46

Num. 11:10-15

Deut. 6:4-7, 17:14-15

1 Sam 8, 9:1-2, 15:22-23

1 King 12

1 Chron 8:1,33-34

Job 1, 2:1-10, 3, 10, 42

Psalms 25:1-3, 27:13-14, 35:17, 40:1-5, 52:9

Prov 3:5-6

Isaiah 25:9

Matt 6:9-13, 22:36-40

Luke 22:31-34

John 8:44, 14:15

Rom 12:17,21

1 Cor 2

2 Cor 1:1-11, 4:4, 5:7, 6:14-18

Gal 5:16-26, 6:7-8

Phil. 3:4-14, 4:13

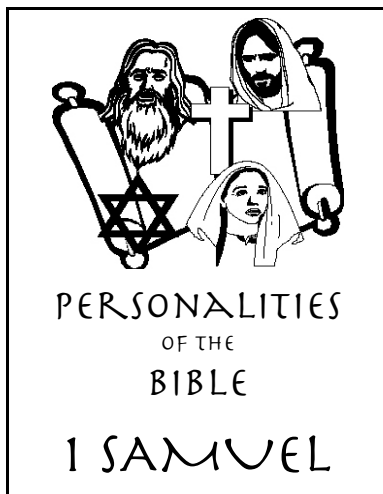
James 1:1-18

1 John 2:15-17

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## APPLICATIONS FROM LESSON 23

### CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD'S "PERFECT WILL"

1. It will mostly be the more difficult choice. The popular easy choice is the world's choice. (Gen 16)
2. Expect the majority to counsel you to make the worldly choice. This includes most Christians and family members. (Gen 16:1), (2 Cor. 4:4), (2 Cor. 11:13-15)
3. Choosing God's perfect will usually involves a season of waiting upon Him. A season can be hours, months or years. (Gen 21:1-7)
4. Choosing God's perfect will involve some sort of suffering. (Gen 45)
5. Many people in the center of God's perfect will despair of life. (Num 11:10-15), (Job 3), (Job 10-1-3), (2 Cor 1:8-9)
6. In God's perfect will there will be an end to the suffering enabling you to know, love and trust God more than you can imagine. (Gen 41), (Gen 46), (Phil 3:14), (Phil 4:13), (James 1:2-4)

### CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD'S "PERMISSIVE WILL"

1. The choice violates God's word. (Gen 2:17), (Gen 3)
2. The choice involves immediate gratification revealing an unwillingness to wait upon God. (Gen 3:6-7)
3. The choice is emotionally driven not spiritually discerned. (James 1:13-14), (1 John 2:15-17)
4. The choice involves rejection of wise Godly counsel. (1 Kings 12:1-11)
5. The choice results in consequences far greater than you can imagine. (Gal. 6:7-8)

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