

Everyday FAITH Family Page

Old Testament 3

Law/Gospel

I desire all the wrong things, I crave that which will ultimately kill me, and I suffer the consequences of sin. **God the Father forgives my faults and sustains my hopes, for in Christ, I am His child, beloved beyond words.**

Bible Words

You did not choose Me,
but I chose you.
John 15:16

The Big Picture

- Once again, God chose the least likely person to work through: Saul, son of Kish. Saul himself said he was from the least of the tribes (Benjamin) and the most humble clan in it (1 Samuel 9:21).
- Saul stood a head taller than other men (1 Samuel 10:23).
- The Bible calls Saul more handsome than any other Israelite (1 Samuel 9:2).
- The prophet Samuel said Saul considered himself "litttle in [his] own eyes" even though he was king of Israel (1 Samuel 15:17).

Saul Becomes King

1 Samuel 8–10; 11:12–15

God ruled Israel directly for hundreds of years. He dwelt among the people in the ark of the covenant and in the tabernacle. He was their King, and they were His people.

When judge and prophet Samuel grew older, the Israelites decided they wanted a human king like all of the other nations. They wanted a warrior to lead them in battle and defeat their enemies.

Through Samuel, the Lord warned about the demands and goals of a king. A king would use power for himself, not for them. He would take Israelite sons to fight in his armies and daughters to work for him. He would take one-tenth of their food and wine and the very best of their flocks and fields for himself and his cronies. He would enslave them.

Despite these warnings, Israel persisted. God gave them what they asked for by anointing and proclaiming Saul, son of Kish, from the tribe of Benjamin as their king. But when Saul's name was chosen at the assembly, he was nowhere to be found. Fearful or reluctant, he was hiding among the baggage.

Because we are sinful people, God, in love and mercy, gives us laws, governments, and leaders.

We are part of two kingdoms, one spiritual and one earthly.

Through Baptism, we are part of God's spiritual kingdom and Jesus is our King. We are also citizens of earth, called by God to respect our earthly authorities and follow our elected leaders.

Sing a Prayer

Learn and sing this prayer, "Children of the King," with your family.

Tune: "Kookaburra"

1. Children of the King, Jesus set us free!
Children of the King, that's you and me!
Praise, hallelujah! Praise, hallelujah! Children of the King!
2. Children of the King on the cross He saved us!
Children of the King! He forgives and loves us!
Praise, hallelujah! Praise, hallelujah! Children of the King!

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