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ISRAEL DEMANDS A KING

A STORY OF THE PERIOD OF THE JUDGES IN ISRAEL

By the "Highway and Byway" Preacher

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Scripture Authority: — 1 Samuel, chapter 8.

SERMONETTE.

"Make us a king to judge us like all the nations."—This desire to be like those about us is a mark of the worldling. Just in proportion as Israel turned its eyes from the God whose peculiar people they were, just so far did they have a hankering to be like the nations about them. It proved a snare to their feet just as the world and the things of the world entice the children of God to-day. The Christian starts out with the vision of God and the longing to grow into Christ likeness, but neglect to meditate on God's word and forgotten prayer obscures the vision and vitiates the hunger for righteousness, and before it is scarcely realized the eyes are turned upon the world and there springs up a desire to be like the world's people, to have the things they seem to enjoy, and to engage in the activities which so enthrall.

Such condition of heart is dangerous, and well may one meditate upon the admonition of John when he says: "Love not the world nor the things of the world nor the man of the world." In desiring a king as they did, Israel was placing that desire first and putting God in second place, a condition of heart which is perilous and certain to bring its train of trouble and woe. But though it was to their hurt, God must give them their desire, for they were too willful to be turned from their purpose. It is often so. God will remonstrate with his children up to the point where he sees that they will not listen to his warning and then will give the soul its desire that in the gratification of that desire may be found the discipline which is needed. When we choose for ourselves we are more than apt to make a choice which will turn like a boomerang upon us and prove a curse instead of a blessing. The thing we think we want most is more than likely to be the most undesirable for us. There is only one safe ground on which to stand, and that is where God is placed first and permitted to choose for us. The thing which God desires to give us never carries with it any element which will prove disastrous to the soul. His blessings never contain a sting. We should "desire the best gifts." "For if we being evil know how to give good gifts unto our children, how much more will our Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit (the all-inclusive gift) to them that ask him."

According to the intimation of the Scripture it was the corruption of the sons of Samuel, who had been appointed judges over Israel, and who perverted judgment by the taking of bribes, which was the immediate cause of the people desiring a king. This fact emphasizes one important thing, and that is the perpetuating power of sin. One wrong ripens into another; one sin leads to another. The mischief of one man encourages or incites transgression on the part of another, and so on, so that the sad train of developments from a sin committed may be appalling in its final consummation. Man cannot sin alone, but in his sin he exerts an influence over other life or lives which is disastrous.

THE STORY. The two men rose with haughty disdain and indicated that the interview was at an end, and the elders of Israel realizing that further appeal and remonstrance were useless, took their departure. At the door the spokesman of the company turned, and said, with angry rising indignation in his voice: "Samuel, thy father, shall hear of this, for surely he did not appoint thee to pervert judgment in Israel!" And without pausing to hear whether any reply were made the elders passed down along the pathway and soon disappeared around the turn in the road which led back to the northern country. They had come in response to the many complaints which the people were constantly making against Joel and Abiah, the two sons of Samuel, whom the latter had appointed as judges over the nation at Beersheba. It was only too evident that the cause of justice was being perverted by the use of money. The elders had been reluctant from the first to believe the reports brought to their ears, but as time went on and the complaints grew louder and more numerous they were forced to give the matter consideration, and had at last decided to go in a body to Beersheba and place the charges directly before the accused judges. In effort to bring about a reform. This they had done with the result just set forth in the opening of our story.

Some years before when Samuel's increasing years made it more and more a burden to go about and discharge the duties of judge, he had appointed his two sons, Joel and Abiah, to aid him in this work, and had established their headquarters at Beersheba, while he continued to dwell at Ramah. This arrangement at first seemed to give entire satisfaction, but the people of Israel loved and honored Samuel, whom they recognized as the one chosen of God to be judge and prophet over the nation, and they willingly acknowledged his right to name his sons as judges in his stead. But as time passed and it was found that Joel and Abiah were not men after the integrity and uprightness of their father, but that they let money influence their judgments, the dissatisfaction grew, until at last the murmuring had become so bitter and the protests so loud that the elders were forced to take action. They were loath to go to Samuel with the matter and had at last decided that they would go to the accused judges themselves. Joel and Abiah received them with seeming cordiality and listened with feigned surprise while the charges of corruption were being made. They at first indignantly denied that they had been guilty of wrong-doing, but when the indisputable proofs were shown, their manner had changed to haughty disdain. What right had any one to call in question the conduct of a son of Samuel? Had not he been called of God to judge Israel, and had he not appointed them to their office? Were they not entitled to their living? and had they done more than receive remuneration for their services? Did not both parties to a controversy have to bring their offerings before the case would be considered, and why should not the one in whose favor the judgment was given make special offering of gratitude?

In such manner did Joel and Abiah make answer to the elders of Israel and then abruptly dismiss them. "Why," exclaimed Joel, after they had gone, "one would think that the elders of Israel and not our father were the head over Israel." "Yes," replied Abiah, "it is well to have it understood who are in authority. Our father is growing old and it will not be long before the sole responsibility of judging Israel will rest upon our shoulders. It therefore behooves us to look well to our place and authority."

"And what think you, will our father say when the elders go to him with their tale?" asked Joel. "I think it were well if we, too, went to our father and presented our side of the case. He will be so proud to believe evil concerning his sons," Abiah replied, confidently. "Then let us go at once," urged his brother. The next day Samuel was visited by the elders of Israel, but not until after his two sons had seen and talked with him, giving him their version of the affair, and preparing him for the coming of the elders. "What then can we hope for?" said the elders one to another after they had talked with Samuel and found him unresponsive to their plea. "Whither shall we look for judgment when Samuel, who is old, is gone?" "Would that we had a king like the nations about us," exclaimed one of the number. "A king! A king!" exclaimed the others with one voice. "This is our hope."

"Let us return, then, at once and demand that Samuel give us a king in his stead, so that when he is gone we shall have one to judge us," urged the one who had first suggested a king. The answer to this proposition was an enthusiastic acquiescence, and soon they were again in the presence of the aged judge. "What! a king?" exclaimed Samuel, in distress and sadness. "Why, God is your king. Would you desert him?" "Nay, but we will have a king in our midst to rule over us like the nations about, for thou art old, and when thou art gone, to whom shall we go?" But the thing displeased Samuel, and the disappointment which he had felt when the complaint was made against his sons gave place to a deeper sadness as he realized that the nation was rejecting God who alone was their king. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord concerning this thing, and the Lord said: "Hearken unto the voice of the people and make them a king."

FOR THE MERCHANT

LITTLE POINTS THAT HELP IN SELLING GOODS.

BE READY FOR OPPORTUNITY

Let the Public Know What You Have to Sell—Never Stop Pushing—A Hint for the Clerks.

Pluck.

How often you hear one business man say of another who has been successful: "Ain't he lucky?" Luck has nothing to do with anyone's success. It is pluck.

Pluck and enthusiasm are the powers which make the winner. With these two qualities, which are invariably found together, a man will succeed. Business men who have achieved greatness in their line are those who possess an abundance of enthusiasm.

A possession that is better than anything else to a man is that determination of character known as pluck, and an enthusiastic confidence that he will succeed.

To persevere against great odds, and to make a victorious fight in the face of almost impossibilities, it requires pluck which is not governed by impulse.

To cultivate pluck one must encourage steadfastness of purpose. When a thing is begun it should be finished.

The trouble with most of us is not so much that we have a hard row to hoe but that we dislike hoeing.

Opportunity knocks once—and often a dozen times—at every door, but you have no kick against the fates if Opportunity knocks, finds you lost in a pipe dream and turns away never to return.

Bacon said: "The mold of a man's fortune is in his own hands."

All men cannot succeed phenomenally. All men, it seems, cannot succeed even moderately, but all men can make an effort to succeed.

We must not stop striving to reach a higher and better place until we are willing to sink to the bottom. If we

lose most businesses, but mine is different." The sheriff sold him out, and now he works for his successor, who does advertise.

Success.

The secret of most successes lies in the man rather than in the method. Making people want the goods is, after all, about as near the secret of it as there comes to being any secret. Make the public want what you have to sell and the sale is half made. Epitaph of a failure: "He worked overtime dodging work."

That Man with the Overalls.

When the man with the overalls comes into your store don't turn around and take your time to wait on him. Don't snub the man with the overalls in order to wait upon some elite of your town—that is, if the overall man came into your store first. Your overall man usually stands by the home town. He works in the shops, in the stock yards, in the factories and in the mills. His dollar is just as good as the dollar given to you by the man who tries to put on all kinds of airs in your town. The old American eagle on the silver dollar given to you by the man attired in overalls counts for just as much and screams just as hard as the bird on the dollar turned over by the man who belongs to the "upper ten."

Besides, if the man in the overalls wants credit until Saturday night or until the first of the month, you'll start to win to get the cash from him when he says he'll pay you. Don't give him the marble heart. You want his trade. He needs dry goods and groceries, and he will spend his money with you if you treat him right.

Business Sickness a Common Complaint.

Stuck in a rut, are you? Same old rut, boss doesn't appreciate your efforts. Interest in your business wearing thin at the edges? Eh? Thought so! Well, what are you waiting for?

You know nothing really comes to the fellow who waits, except the "push." Some people never "get there" unless they're pushed.

If you're sick of your job you're doing yourself and your boss a bad turn by hanging on. Start looking around for another job—that'll keep your mind liquid. Wonderful what a pick-me-up job-hunting is to some people.



Turn to and bury the mail-order house monopoly under the sod of local prosperity. You can do it by spending your money with the local merchants. If you give them an opportunity they will treat you fairly, and they, like yourself, represent the interests of the home town.

simply expect to float and not try to swim we might just as well quit. It would be well for us to keep as a motto before us: "Perseverance and pluck conquer all things," for it bears close relationship to the subject chosen. If we regarded the little opportunities in life more seriously and made the most use of them we would be better able to master the golden opportunities.

Let It Be Known.

You may know that you have the best assorted stock in town, but the public will not know it unless you tell them about it; they are not clairvoyant. First use the newspapers liberally, then circulars, personal letters, talk to them when you can catch them in your store, at their homes—anywhere. The first and last thing to bear in mind about advertising is that it is as wide as human nature in its appeal. Advertising is the mighty engine of success, and without it the business world would be minus its dynamo of energy.

Push All the Time.

If it pays to push when business is good, it pays to push when business is bad.

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If it pays to push at all, it pays to push all the time. Therefore, don't let it die.

When everything is coming your way, push to make it come the faster. When everything is going the other way, push to make it come back to you.

Push all the time and you'll feel the better for it, and make more money.

It takes hard thinking and hard work to increase business in the face of strong competition. But the business is there, and somebody will get it—you or your neighbor, or perhaps your competitor in the next town. Which shall it be?

Help your employes increase your business. Be Business Throughout. A joke is a joke, but business is no joke, and it is mighty hard to make the two mix. A man once said: "It pays to adver-

If you get "turned down" two or three times you'll begin to think what small potatoes you really are after all, and that's good tonic for business sickness—the first sign of recovery, in fact.

Your present job will, maybe, acquire a fresh interest to you, and you'll come at it again like a two-year-old.

If you were born with a square chin and the normal amount of gray matter you'll probably want to get ahead of the procession. There is only one sure way, and that is "know how." A fellow with "know how" never loses interest in his job. He wouldn't get the "know how" if he did.

It's marvelous how interesting business is when you get the proper spirit. Some men obtain more genuine pleasure from business than they do from play. If you want to enjoy business—study it—soak yourself in it, and imagine it's play.

You won't have to imagine long, and when you've got the spirit of the game you couldn't be kept out of it with a pickax.

Women as Lawmakers.

Nineteen women holding seats in congress. What do you think of it? Not in any little congress of women's clubs or anything of that sort, but in the lawmaking body of a nation.

Not one in ten thousand people in this quarter of the globe know this is a fact, although there is really no reason why they should not know it. These women have won congressional honors and assumed the duties of lawmakers in Finland. At the election held in that country only a couple of weeks ago the socialists developed surprising strength, and, consistent with their pretensions, they nominated a number of women for congressional seats. This forced the other parties to do the same thing.

When the ballots were counted it was found that 19 women had been elected, nine of them socialists. They have taken their seats and promise to make good lawmakers. To fully appreciate the importance of this it must be borne in mind that never before have women or a woman been elected to the national lawmaking body of any country.—Woman's National Daily.

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