

THEME: COVENANT FAITHFULNESS (lovingkindness; see Ps.107:1,8,15,21,31,43; 136:1ff)

I. THE JUDGES CYCLE

- A. THE JUDGES CYCLE** (1Sam.12:9-11; see Jdgs.e.g.2:11f; 3:5-11)
- B. THE SAMUEL CYCLE** (1Sam.12:2; see 7:6,15;3f,8f; 8:1,6; Acts 13:20)

II. THE SAUL CYCLE

- A. REBELLION** (1Sam.12:12,19; see 8:7f; 10:18f)
- B. RETRIBUTION** (1Sam.12:19; see 8:9f; c.9,10; see Rom.1:24f)
- D. RESTORATION** (1Sam.12:12; see 11:3,9,13; 7:3f)

III. REPENTANCE (1Sam.12:1-25; see Mk.1:15,4)

- A. SIN CONDEMNED** (7f&16f; see Hos.4:1; Mic.6:2(7:9; Zech.3:1f))
 - 1. *preparation* of the judge (3-5; see Mt.7:1-5; Acts 20:33; 2Pt.1:12f)
 - 2. *proclamation* of the judge (6-13; see Acts 7:51,2f; 13:16f; see Ps.78,105,106)
- B. SIN CONFIRMED** (16-18; see 2:10; 7:10; Ex.9:22f; 19:6f; 20:18f; Rom.3:20; 7:7f)
- C. SIN CONFESSED** (19; see 2Sam.12:13a; Ps.32:3f)
- D. FORGIVENESS CONFIRMED** (20,21; see 7:3; 2Sam.12:13b; 1Jn.1:9)

IV. RESTORATION (14-25)

- A. UNCONDITIONAL COVENANT PROCLAIMED** (22; see Ps.106:8; Ezk.36:22f,32; Ex.6:7; Rom.11:29)
- B. CONDITIONAL PROMISES APPLIED TO THE KING**
 - 1. *you and your king* blessed in obedience (14; 20,24; see Dt.28:1f; Lk.6:20f)
 - 2. *you and your king* cursed in disobedience (15; 25; see Dt.28:1f; Lk.6:24f)
- C. AMAZING GRACE: PROMISE TO TURN CURSE INTO BLESSING!** (9&10f // 12,19b&14f,19f; see Mal.2:2 (Rom.11:9); Neh.13:2; see e.g. 2Sam.11-1Kngs.11(Mt.1:6); Gen.50:20; Daniel)
- D. UNRELENTING SERVICE PROMISED** (23(22); see Acts 6:4; 1Tm.4:12f&2Tm.1:3; 4:1f; Ezk.2:5,7; 3:11)

V. WHAT NOW?

- A. HUMBLE YOURSELF IN REPENTANCE, AND WORSHIP GOD FOR HIS AMAZING GRACE IN RELENTLESS LOVE!** (12:19,22,14f; see IV,C above)
- B. SERVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART!** (12:20,24; see Mt.22:37f; see Mt.6:22f; Mk.4:19; 1Jn.2:15f)
- C. DON'T TURN ASIDE OR BACK TO FUTILE THINGS!** (12:21,10; 14/15; 24/25; see 7:3f; 2Pt.2:20f)
- D. CONSIDER WHAT GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE FOR YOU!** (12:24 vs. 9,10; see Ps.66:16; 116:12f; see Ps.78:1f; Acts 7:1f; see Col.1:13f; 1Cor.11:24f)
- E. DON'T GIVE UP EVEN WHEN YOU GET YOURSELF STUCK IN SIN & SORROW!** (12:19f,2f; see 2Sam.12:14fff)
- F. DON'T PRESUME ON THE LORD'S MERCIES BECAUSE HIS DISCIPLINE IS HARD!** (chps.13-22; see 2Sam.13-24; Rom.11:22f; Heb.12:11a)
- G. LOVE RELENTLESSLY: NEVER STOP CONFORMING YOURSELF TO CHRIST IN ORDER THAT YOU WOULD THEREBY BE ABLE TO CORRECT AND RESTORE EACH OTHER!** (3ff; see Mt.7:1f; 18:15,21f; Rom.15:14; Phil.3:12f,17f; Col.3:9&10; 5f&12f; 1Tm.4:16)