

I. Samuel's Credentials

- A. Has never taken anything (see 8:11-18)
- B. No fraud or bribe-taking
- C. No oppression
- D. Witnesses: God and the king (see Psalm 50:6)

II. The Case: God vs. Israel

- A. God has been faithful to Israel
- B. Israel has not been faithful to God
- C. A warning to Israel and their king
- D. Judgment confirmed (thunder, see Exodus 19-20, 31, 34)
- E. Rejected as judge but continuing as priest and prophet

III. Complaint and Worship

- A. Demands and complaints put God on trial
- B. Demands and complaints reveal our idolatry
- C. Samuel warns Israel and us against going after “empty things that cannot profit or deliver”

IV. The Lord is just

- A. We attempt to put God on trial for the wrongs he has done us
- B. Job saw this. (Job 2:10; 40:4; 42:3, 6)
- C. David saw that every good thing we receive is a gift (Psalm 145:15-17; 51:4)
- D. Paul meditated on this: he saw what the great question is:
- E. Can we for stand before the living and true God and make demands?

V. God's final word

- A. The Lord thundered, as he had when Israel was gathered at Mt. Sinai (Zechariah 3:1-5; Matthew 22:11-12)
- B. A better message was yet to come (Hebrews 12:18-25)
- C. God has revealed his nature in sending Jesus Christ to die. (2 Corinthians 1:20; Romans 8:32; Habakkuk 2:20)