

“Stand Still, Shut Up, & Hear of a Marvelous Dread”

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1Sam. 10:24 Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see the one whom the LORD has chosen? There is no one like him among all the people." And all the people shouted, "Long live the king!"



1Sam. 10:25 ¶ Samuel told the people the rights and duties of the kingship; and he wrote them in a book and laid it up before the LORD. Then Samuel sent all the people back to their homes.



1Sam. 10:26 Saul also went to his home at Gibeah, and with him went warriors whose hearts God had touched.



1Sam. 10:27 But some worthless fellows
said, "How can this man save us?"
They despised him and brought him no
present. But he held his peace.

1Sam. 10:27 "...But he pretended not
to mind.



1Sam. 11:1 ¶ About a month later, Nahash the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh-gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, “Make a treaty with us, and we will serve you.”

1Sam. 11:2 But Nahash the Ammonite said to them, “On this condition I will make a treaty with you, namely that I gouge out everyone’s right eye, and thus put disgrace upon all Israel.”



1Sam. 11:3 The elders of Jabesh said to him, "Give us seven days' respite that we may send messengers through all the territory of Israel. Then, if there is no one to save us, we will give ourselves up to you."



1Sam. 11:4 When the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul, they reported the matter in the hearing of the people; and all the people wept aloud.

1Sam. 11:5 ¶ Now Saul was coming from the field behind the oxen; and Saul said, "What is the matter with the people, that they are weeping?" So they told him the message from the inhabitants of Jabesh.



1Sam. 11:6 And the spirit of God came upon Saul in power when he heard these words, and his anger was greatly kindled.



1Sam. 11:7 He took a yoke of oxen, and cut them in pieces and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel by messengers, saying, "Whoever does not come out after Saul and Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen!" Then the dread of the LORD fell upon the people, and they came out as one.



Sam. 11:11 The next day Saul put the people in three companies. At the morning watch they came into the camp and cut down the Ammonites until the heat of the day; and those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.



1Sam. 11:12 ¶ The people said to Samuel, “Who is it that said, ‘Shall Saul reign over us?’ Give them to us so that we may put them to death.”



1Sam. 11:13 But Saul said, "No one shall be put to death this day, for today the LORD has brought deliverance to Israel."



1Sam. 11:14 ¶ Samuel said to the people,
“Come, let us go to Gilgal and there
renew the kingship.”



1Sam. 7:16 He used to go annually on circuit to Bethel and Gilgal and Mizpah, and he judged Israel in all these places.



1Sam. 11:15 So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.



1Sam. 12:1 ¶ Samuel said to all Israel, “I have listened to you in all that you have said to me, and have set a king over you.

1Sam. 12:2 See, it is the king who leads you now; I am old and gray, but my sons are with you. I have led you from my youth until this day.



1Sam. 12:3 Here I am; testify against me
before the LORD and before his anointed.
Whose ox have I taken? Or whose donkey
have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded?
Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose
hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes
with it? Testify against me and I will restore
it to you.”



1Sam. 12:4 They said, "You have not defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from the hand of anyone."



1Sam. 12:6 ¶ Samuel said to the people,
“The LORD is witness, who appointed
Moses and Aaron and brought your
ancestors up out of the land of Egypt.”



1Sam. 12:7 Now therefore take your stand,
so that I may enter into judgment with you
before the LORD, and I will declare to you
all the saving deeds of the LORD that he
performed for you and for your
ancestors.



1Sam. 12:8 When Jacob went into Egypt and the Egyptians oppressed them, then your ancestors cried to the LORD and the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who brought forth your ancestors out of Egypt, and settled them in this place.



1Sam. 12:9 But they forgot the LORD their God; and he sold them into the hand of Sisera, commander of the army of King Jabin of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab; and they fought against them.



1Sam. 12:10 Then they cried to the LORD, and said, 'We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served the Baals and the Astartes; but now rescue us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve you.'

1Sam. 12:11 And the LORD sent Jerubbaal and Barak, and Jephthah, and Samson, and rescued you out of the hand of your enemies on every side; and you lived in safety.



1Sam. 12:12 But when you saw that Nahash king of the Ammonites was advancing against you, you said to me, 'No, we must have a king reigning over us'—though the LORD your God is your King.

1Sam. 12:13 ¶ "Well, the LORD has set a king over you! Here is the king that you have chosen, that you have asked for.



1Sam. 12:14 If you will fear the LORD and serve him and heed his voice and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, and if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the LORD your God, it will be well;

1Sam. 12:15 but if you will not heed the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD will be against you and your king.



1Sam. 12:19 ¶ All the people said to Samuel, “Pray to the LORD your God for your servants, so that we may not die; for we have added to all our sins the evil of demanding a king for ourselves.”



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1Sam. 12:22 For the LORD will not cast away his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you a people for himself.





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