

EMMAUS EXERCISES

*And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets,
he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. Luke 24: 27*

THIS WEEK: *Comparative Ambition in 1 Sam 8: How God Works All Things For Good (March 30, 2008)*



MON-WED READING

1Samuel 1-3

Questions:

Compare 1 Sam. 1-3 with the two other birth and infancy narratives. See Luke 1-2 (also Gen 18.12-15).

THURS-SAT READING:

1 Samuel 4-7

Questions:

What other stories in the Old Testament are very similar to 1 Samuel 4-7? Review 3 stories from the book of Judges.

In the book of Judges, what is the *cycle or pattern* that Israel repeatedly goes through? Note the highs, lows, causes and consequences.

SUNDAY PREP

Sermon Review by Listening to the Audio at calvarygrace.ca

Main Ideas 1Sam 8 -12Sermon:

1. Israel Rejects the Warning of God and Seeks a King *cf. Deut. 17.14-20*
2. Having a king makes them like the nations, but it ignores God as their king.
3. God grants the request, sends leanness on their soul *cf. Psalm 106.16*
4. God uses man's rebellion to display his glory; establishes the Kingship 'infrastructure' for the coming Messiah.
5. Jews preferred the revolutionary Barabbas for release, rather than accept Jesus as their King. *cf. John 18.33-40*
6. Comparison is carnality---the need to have our *comparative ambitions* purged.



God and Us: Some Reflections.

Are you content with God's oversight and governance of your life?

When you sin are you content with God's oversight?

What are the ways in which you have been discontented with God's oversight in your life?

Meditation: Reflect on the wisdom, goodness, justness, mercy, and love of God as aspects of his character. Then reflect on how these attributes characterize how God governs your life. Can you think of some other attributes of God? How do they influence God's governance over your life?

Kids' Questions:

#1 Can you make *your own proverb* that has the same meaning as "Is Saul Among the Prophets?"

#2 How tall was *Saul*?

#3 Who is another person in the Bible called *Saul*?

Academic Study:

See T. Desmond Alexander's article *Royal Expectations in Genesis to Kings: Their Importance For Biblical Theology* found here:

<http://www.beginningwithmoses.org/articles/expectations.htm>