Why Want What The World Has?

Tony Mauck · 1 Samuel 8:1–22

INTRODUCTION

- These passages describe the Christian's relationship with the world.
- We are not to love the world, set our minds on the world, be friends with the world, or to be conformed to the world.
- Satan knows how we like to flock and follow the things of the world.

1 Wanting the World Rejects God as King

1 Samuel 8:4–9; Jeremiah 2:13

- Now appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations.
- They have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.
- Perhaps it was not that they wanted a king that was a real problem. But as God states to Samuel, it is why they wanted the king.
- Wanting to be like the world is like an idol that takes the place of God in our hearts.

2 A Damaging Request: God Gives, but Kings Take

1 Samuel 8:10–22

- And you yourselves will become his servants. And then you will cry out in that day, because of your king, whom you've chosen for yourselves.
- You think you want this, but you don't know what you're asking for.
- But there shall be a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations, that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.

3 Wanting What the World Has Makes Us Deaf to God

- When you want what the world has, and that's your motivating force, you will become like they did. Deaf to God.
- When our motives become to be like the world or to approve of a person more than submit ourselves to God, we will reject what God says.
- And it doesn't matter how eloquently it's said or how persuasive it is delivered.

4 It Sounds Reasonable: The Wisdom of This World

1 Corinthians 3:19–21; 1 Samuel 7

- Why did they want to be like all the nations surrounding them? Well, it sounds so absolutely reasonable.
- The wisdom of this world is foolishness before God.

- He just raised your Ebenezer. The stone of help. And now they're already saying in chapter 8, nope, no, we need a king.
- Human wisdom can often become the idol that we worship rather than God.

5 It Makes Us Feel Accepted

- Of all the nations surrounding them, they're the only ones that don't have a king. We don't fit in.
- Look, we have not been called to fit in, but to shine out.
- We have a passion for worship over entertainment.
- We must consider the price tag for such a choice.

6 Want the Lord More Than the World

1 Samuel 12:19–25; 1 Peter 2:9; Proverbs 4:23

- We need to want the Lord more than we want the world.
- For we have added to all our sins this evil by asking for ourselves a king.
- They turned to the source of forgiveness.
- We need to make a course correction. And we need to chart a straight path that fears the Lord and obeys him.

THE CHALLENGE

If you're not a Christian, if you've never done what I mentioned earlier, if you've not been baptized into Christ, what are you waiting on?

MY NOTES