



I Samuel
Looking for a King

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Romans 9:13-16, "Just as it is written: '*Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated!*' What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! For He says to Moses, '*I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion!*' It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy."

God may, if He wills, save the entire human race. Or if it pleases Him, He may save none. If He so wills, He may make one man a *monument of mercy*, and leave his neighbor to reap his due punishment. This is what God has a right to do, and He claims His sovereign prerogative.



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No doctrine in the whole Word of God has more excited the hatred of mankind than the truth of the absolute sovereignty of God!

Men have no objection to a god who is really no God. I mean, by this:
a god who shall be the subject of their caprice,
a god who shall be a lackey to their will,
a god who shall be under their control--
they have no objection to such a being as that.

But a God who speaks, and it is done;
a God who commands, and it stands fast;
a God who does as He wills among the armies of Heaven and among the inhabitants of
this lower world--such a God as this they cannot endure!



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Psalm 115:3, "But **our God** is in the heavens;

He does whatever He pleases!"

Psalm 135:5-6, "For I know that the Lord is great; our Lord is above all gods. *Whatever the Lord pleases, He does--in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all their depths!"*



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***“The Bible is more than a book of literature,
but it is not less.”***

- Leland Ryken



Is the Bible a book of literature?



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How should we study it if it is *not less than a book of literature?*



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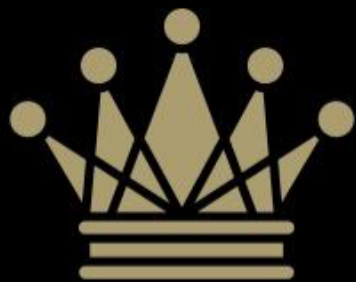
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What does I Samuel teach us about the Main Character of Scripture?

How does I Samuel carry along the main storyline of Scripture?





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Ordinary Means, Extraordinary Providence

Through four connected scenes, the author of I Samuel encourages us to trust God's use of ordinary means to bring about His sovereign will.



Scene I (vv. 1-11): The Means to Reveal Planned



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Scene II (vv. 12-23): The Means to Communicate Planned



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Scene III (vv. 24-34): The Means to Reveal Enacted



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Scene II (vv. 12-23): The Means to Communicate Planned

Scene III (vv. 24-34): The Means to Reveal Enacted

Scene IV (vv. 35-42): The Means to Communicate Enacted



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Loyalty to God and His people may come at great cost



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God's steadfast love *and* impending judgement is our ultimate hope





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