

INTRODUCTION

- * The book of 1 Samuel is a transitional book. It begins in the time of the Judges and leads us into the reign of David.
- * The three primary characters of this book are: Samuel, Saul and David.
- * As the book of Judges was summarized by two key passages (2:8,10 and 21:25), so the remainder of Israel's history can be prefaced with Israel's statement recorded in 8:19-20 "No, but we will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations"
- * We have considered the birth of Samuel (in the midst of Hannah's prayer and praise) and the call of Samuel (in the midst of Eli's punishment).
- * Last week, we saw that as a part of the punishment of Eli, the Ark of the Covenant was taken by the Philistines in battle while the two sons of Eli were killed. The Israelites had taken the Ark of the Covenant into the battle as a "good luck charm." They didn't expect that YHWH would allow THE object that represented His holiness on earth to be taken. Yet, they were wrong. As the wife of Phinehas rightfully stated at the birth of her son, "The glory has departed from Israel."
- * Today, we consider the effect that the capture of the Ark of the Covenant had upon the Philistines.

INSTRUCTION**I. THE R_____TION OF THE S_____ OF GOD (5:1-10)****A. YHWH'S D_____ of His Sovereignty**

1. OVER THE PHILISTINE _____ (5:1-5)
2. OVER THE PHILISTINE _____ (5:6-10)

B. Their S_____ of His Sovereignty (6:5-6)**II. THE P_____TION OF THE W_____ OF GOD (5:11 - 6:18)****A. Their G_____ S_____ (5:11- 6:2)****B. Their G_____ O_____ (6:3-18)**

1. THE P_____ OF THE L_____ (v. 3-10)
2. THE P_____ OF THE O_____ (3:11-18)

INTROSPECTION

- * HOW "POWERFUL" IS GOD TO YOU?
- * DO YOU BELIEVE THAT HE IS MORE POWERFUL THAN ALL OF THE FORCES OF MAN AND THE SPIRITUAL REALM?
- * IS IT POSSIBLE THAT SICKNESS AND DISEASE CAN BE A RESULT OF MAN NEEDING TO RECOGNIZE THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD?
- * DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD CHASTENS THOSE WHOM HE LOVES?
- * DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD CAN CONTROL EVEN THE PATH OF COWS TO ACCOMPLISH HIS PURPOSES?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK" ... AND ACT?