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**Topic: Open Rebellion!**

Scripture Text: 1 Samuel 8: 1-22

1. In 1 Sam chapter 7, the disobedience of Israel was quite muted. However, in chapter 8, it became an open rebellion. They wanted Samuel to step down as the prophet and judge of Israel.
2. In v.1-5, we see the excuses for rebellion. The people of Israel said Samuel was old. Samuel's appointment is determined by God and only God will decide how long he will stay in the ministry. The people also said Samuel's sons did not walk in the truth. This fact was true.
3. The people wanted a king like the Gentile nations. They wanted someone of their own choice and time and criteria. This was against the will of God.
4. In v.6-9, we see the reaction to rebellion. The request by the people displeased Samuel who then prayed unto the Lord. He committed to God to handle the situation. God told Samuel that the people had rejected Him, and not Samuel.
5. In v.10-22, we see the consequences of rebellion. Samuel warned the people that the king would take their sons and daughters to serve him and they would be taxed by the king. God will not hear their cry too. Yet the people refused to listen to the warning and stubbornly wanted a king like all other nations. They would suffer for their sin of rebellion.