

## I Samuel Chapter 12

### 1. What did Samuel say to all Israel when he was old? (v.1-2)

I obeyed your voice and made a K\_\_\_\_\_ over you. He W\_\_\_\_\_ here before you. My S\_\_\_\_\_ are also with you now as I was with you from my Y\_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. What are some of the questions that Samuel asked Israel? (v.3)

Whose Ox or D\_\_\_\_\_ have I taken? Who have I O\_\_\_\_\_ or defrauded? Who did I take a B\_\_\_\_\_ from that twisted my judgment?

### 3. What did Israel answer to Samuel with God as their witness? (v.4-5)

They told Samuel that he never oppressed or D\_\_\_\_\_ them. He never T\_\_\_\_\_ anything from anyone. Samuel and Israel and God agreed!

### 4. What historical truths did Samuel remind Israel? (v.6-8)

The same LORD who was W\_\_\_\_\_ today, was also witness there many years ago when Jacob went down to E\_\_\_\_\_. The LORD showed his righteous D\_\_\_\_\_ in appointing Moses and A\_\_\_\_\_ to bring Israel out of slavery because they C\_\_\_\_\_ unto God to deliver them. Now they D\_\_\_\_\_ here.

### 5. What was the same problem before and now? (v.9)

They F\_\_\_\_\_ the LORD their G\_\_\_\_\_!

### 6. How did God punish Israel when they forgot God? (v.9)

God S\_\_\_\_\_ them to three different enemies: S\_\_\_\_\_, the commander of the A\_\_\_\_\_ of Hazor, the P\_\_\_\_\_, and the king of M\_\_\_\_\_.

### 7. How did God help Israel become free from their enemies? (v.10-11)

When Israel cried to God and confessed their S\_\_\_\_\_ of worshipping false gods like B\_\_\_\_\_ and A\_\_\_\_\_. They asked God to D\_\_\_\_\_ them. God sent four different men to rescue them: Jerubaal, B\_\_\_\_\_, Jephthah, and S\_\_\_\_\_. Now you live in S\_\_\_\_\_ with no enemies against you.

**8. What caused Israel to ask for a king? (v.12)**

When N\_\_\_\_\_, the king of the Ammonites came against them. They did not trust G\_\_\_\_\_ to deliver them. Instead, they wanted a K\_\_\_\_\_, same as the other nations had a king.

**9. What did Samuel tell Israel to do with their new king? (v.13-14)**

IF they and their king F\_\_\_\_\_ the LORD and S\_\_\_\_\_ and O\_\_\_\_\_ his commandments, it will be W\_\_\_\_\_ with them.

**10. What will happen if they do not fear the LORD? (v.15)**

IF you R\_\_\_\_\_ against the LORD and his commandments, then the LORD will be A\_\_\_\_\_ you A\_\_\_\_\_ your king!

**11. How did God prove it was wicked to ask for a king? (v.16-18)**

Samuel asked God to send thunder and R\_\_\_\_\_ to destroy their W\_\_\_\_\_ harvest T\_\_\_\_\_. When they all saw it destroyed, they all G\_\_\_\_\_ feared the LORD and S\_\_\_\_\_.

**12. What did the people ask Samuel to do? (v.19)**

P\_\_\_\_\_ for us that we will not D\_\_\_\_! We admit all our S\_\_\_\_, especially asking for a king.

**13. What did Samuel say to encourage Israel? (v.20-22)**

Do not be A\_\_\_\_\_! Yes, you did E\_\_\_\_, but now decide to S\_\_\_\_\_ the LORD with A\_\_ your heart. Don't turn to E\_\_\_\_\_ things that can't help! The LORD will N\_\_\_ forsake his people for his N\_\_\_\_\_ sake. It P\_\_\_\_\_ the LORD to make you a group of people for H\_\_\_\_\_.

**14. What last words did Samuel remind Israel? (v.23-25)**

I will not S\_\_\_\_\_ by not praying for you. I will continue to I\_\_\_\_\_ you in the G\_\_\_\_\_ and R\_\_\_\_\_ way. Fear O\_\_\_\_\_ the LORD and serve him F\_\_\_\_\_ with all your H\_\_\_\_\_. C\_\_\_\_\_ what G\_\_\_\_\_ things He has D\_\_\_\_\_ for you. BUT, if you still do W\_\_\_\_\_, you will be S\_\_\_\_\_ away, both Y\_\_\_ and your K\_\_\_\_\_!

# 1 Samuel 12 *English Standard Version*

## Samuel's Farewell Address

<sup>1</sup> And Samuel said to all Israel, "Behold, I have obeyed your voice in all that you have said to me and have made a king over you. <sup>2</sup> And now, behold, the king walks before you, and I am old and gray; and behold, my sons are with you. I have walked before you from my youth until this day. <sup>3</sup> Here I am; testify against me before the LORD and before his anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Or whose donkey have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose hand have I taken a bribe to blind my eyes with it? Testify against me and I will restore it to you." <sup>4</sup> They said, "You have not defrauded us or oppressed us or taken anything from any man's hand." <sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand." And they said, "He is witness."

<sup>6</sup> And Samuel said to the people, "The LORD is witness, who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. <sup>7</sup> Now therefore stand still that I may plead with you before the LORD concerning all the righteous deeds of the LORD that he performed for you and for your fathers. <sup>8</sup> When Jacob went into Egypt, and the Egyptians oppressed them, then your fathers cried out to the LORD and the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who brought your fathers out of Egypt and made them dwell in this place. <sup>9</sup> But they forgot the LORD their God. And he sold them into the hand of Sisera, commander of the army of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab. And they fought against them. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out to the LORD and said, 'We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD and have served the Baals and the Ashtaroath. But now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, that we may serve you.' <sup>11</sup> And the LORD sent Jerubbaal and Barak and Jephthah and Samuel and delivered

you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and you lived in safety. <sup>12</sup> And when you saw that Nahash the king of the Ammonites came against you, you said to me, 'No, but a king shall reign over us,' when the LORD your God was your king. <sup>13</sup> And now behold the king whom you have chosen, for whom you have asked; behold, the LORD has set a king over you. <sup>14</sup> If you will fear the LORD and serve him and obey his voice and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, and if both you and the king who reigns over you will follow the LORD your God, it will be well. <sup>15</sup> But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD will be against you and your king. <sup>16</sup> Now therefore stand still and see this great thing that the LORD will do before your eyes. <sup>17</sup> Is it not wheat harvest today? I will call upon the LORD, that he may send thunder and rain. And you shall know and see that your wickedness is great, which you have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking for yourselves a king." <sup>18</sup> So Samuel called upon the LORD, and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day, and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

<sup>19</sup> And all the people said to Samuel, "Pray for your servants to the LORD your God, that we may not die, for we have added to all our sins this evil, to ask for ourselves a king." <sup>20</sup> And Samuel said to the people, "Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil. Yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. <sup>21</sup> And do not turn aside after empty things that cannot profit or deliver, for they are empty. <sup>22</sup> For the LORD will not forsake his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you a people for himself. <sup>23</sup> Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD by ceasing to pray for you, and I will instruct you in the good and the right way. <sup>24</sup> Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you. <sup>25</sup> But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king."