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# Sunday School Lesson

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## LESSON FOR MAY 6

### SAMUEL—JUDGE AND PROPHET

LESSON TEXT—I Sam. 12:1-25.

GOLDEN TEXT—Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart; for consider how great things he hath done for you.—I Sam. 12:24.

REFERENCE MATERIAL—I Chron. 9:22; 29:29; Ps. 99:6; Jer. 15:1; Hb. 11:32, 33.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Samuel, the Boy Who Served in God's House.

JUNIOR TOPIC—The Boy Who Heard God's Call.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Samuel, the Upright Judge.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Samuel, the True Prophet.

Samuel means "asked of God." God gave him in answer to his mother's prayer. She promised to give him back to God. In his early childhood, his mother cared for and taught him. There is no teacher or nurse like the mother of the child. At an early age, she handed him over to the care of Eli to minister unto the Lord in the tabernacle. While ministering unto the Lord in the tabernacle, God called him. He responded to this call and spent a long life in useful service to God and his nation as judge and prophet. Our lesson today is his farewell address.

After Saul was made king, he retired and turned over the authority to the newly-chosen ruler.

**I. Samuel's Challenge to the People. (vv. 1-5).**

1. Reminder of the Way the King Had Been Given. (v. 1). He showed that they were directly responsible for the change in government. Though keenly feeling the reflection upon himself and their ingratitude to God in their demand for a king, he has not resisted their wish. He reminded them that they now had what they wanted.

2. Review of His Own Administration. (vv. 2, 3). (1) Walk from childhood (v. 2). Samuel's was a remarkable life; from childhood to old age he had lived an upright and pure life. How satisfying it must be to come to the end of life and to look back even to childhood days without regrets. (2) Career as judge and ruler (v. 3). He boldly challenged them to show where and how he had even in the smallest matters defrauded or oppressed anyone. He courted the most searching investigation of his life, even calling upon the Lord Himself to bear witness.

3. The Vote of Confidence by the People. (vv. 4, 5). It was Samuel's right as he laid down the reins of government to have his record vindicated and to have his integrity established beyond a doubt so that no evil-minded man could ever be able to cast reproach upon him.

**II. Samuel Reviews God's Dealings from the Time of Moses. (vv. 6-15).**

He reasoned with them concerning the good hand of the Lord upon them from the time of Moses. Though they with ingratitude turned from the Lord and demanded a king like the other nations, he had acceded to their request and set a king over them.

1. National Prosperity Conditioned by Obedience. (v. 14). Though they had displeased God in choosing a king, if they would fear the Lord and render obedience, national prosperity would still be given. The nation which will not walk in God's way cannot expect God's blessing.

2. Disobedience to God Meant the Nation's Ruin (v. 15). It is folly to ask God's blessing upon a nation while it is living in rebellion against Him. True statesmanship is to find out God's will concerning the nation and so direct it that in all its laws and customs there may be harmony with that will.

**III. Samuel's Own Vindication. (vv. 16-19).**

This was such a critical hour in the history of the nation that Samuel sought to indelibly impress this moment on their hearts. This he did by means of the thunder and rain out of season. Harvest time was not the season for thunder and rain so when it came at the call of Samuel, the people were frightened. The sign had its designed effect. The people confessed their sin of asking for a king and besought Samuel to pray for them.

**IV. Samuel's Gracious Response. (vv. 20-25).**

1. "Fear Not—Serve the Lord With All Your Heart." (vv. 20-22). Samuel did not minimize their sin but assured them if they would serve the Lord wholeheartedly, He would not forsake them.

2. "God Forbid That I Should Sin Against the Lord in Ceasing to Pray for You." (v. 23). Though the people had rejected Samuel, yet he had such magnanimity of soul that he had not allowed their ingratitude to keep him from interceding for them. Such failure on his part he regarded as sin.

**Paganism.**

To worry about carnal things is pure paganism. He who has done such grand things for the soul will not starve the body.—W. L. Watkinson.

**Letting Go.**

Shall I hold on with both hands to every paltry possession? All I have teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen.—Emerson.

**When We Build.**

Too low they build, who build beneath the stars.—Young

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