

Be Careful Who You Wish From 1 Samuel 8:1-22 John Messinger

Why did this happen? There is plenty of blame to go around.

- 1. Samuel, not God, appointed his successor.
- 2. The people asked Samuel for a king.

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3. The people rejected God's warning about a king.

"We want to be like all the other nations."

"We want someone to go out before us."

"We want someone to fight our battles."

What did God do? God gave us what we wanted so we could learn what we needed.

He gave his people what they wanted (a king) . . .

... so they could learn what they needed (Christ).

When will we learn what we truly need? Now is the time to accept God's gift.