

“The Return of Godly Leadership”
1 Samuel 7:1-17

“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 right way. Only fear the LORD and serve Him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things He has done for you.” (1 Samuel 12:23-24)

“True INSTRUCTION was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is a messenger of the LORD of hosts.” (Malachi 1:6-7)

*“But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word....Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.”
(Acts 6:4; Hebrews 13:17)*

- Godly Leaders Call People to True Repentance: 1 Samuel 7:1-6
 - Eleazar was consecrated (set apart for a specific purpose for God) to care for and protect the Ark and others from the Ark (Leviticus 8:35-36; 10:1-3; 16:1-3).
 - Being upset over our sins and the consequences of our sins is not the same thing as repentance. *“You shall have no other gods before Me.” (Exodus 20:3)*
 - 1) Return to the LORD with all your heart. 2) Put away the foreign gods (sexual indulgence with religion). 3) Serve God only, not this world or your flesh. 4) They showed dependence on God by pouring out water (2 Samuel 14:14) and repentance for their sin by fasting and public confession of sin.
 - *“Do not go after other gods to serve and worship them, or provoke Me to anger with the work of your hands. Then I will do you no harm.” (Jeremiah 25:6)*
 - *“If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.” (Matthew 16:24; cf. Isaiah 58:6-12)*
- Godly Leaders Call People to Have True Faith: 1 Samuel 7:7-11; 1 Samuel 2:9-10
 - God shows again that we contribute nothing to our salvation. We must simply have faith in God. God provided the sacrifice, the instruction, and the power to save Israel. Israel brought the sin and the results of their sinning to God.
 - *“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God” (Ephesians 2:8). “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22). “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16).*
- Godly Leaders Call People to True Worship: 1 Samuel 7:12-14
 - Ebenezer is where the Israelites had been defeated because of their sin (1 Samuel 4:1). The Ebenezer stone is where Israel was redeemed and set free because of God’s grace.
 - God shows His amazing power by delivering them from the Philistines and giving them peace with the Amorites, which they had been at war, on and off with, since they had left Egypt (Deuteronomy 31:4; Joshua 10:5-10; 1 Kings 9:20-21; Amos 2:10).
 - Worship is centered on the reality that I am needy and God is the solution to my problem(s); that God has helped me and He will continue to help me. I never presume on God’s grace, but I am thankful for God’s grace and humbly put my life in His hands. This is worship.

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Worship: So I Will Trust You (Sovereign Grace Music)

My Worth Is Not In What I Own (The Gettys)

Service Times: Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;

Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- *“The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might He increases strength.” (Isaiah 40:28-29)*
 - Godly Leaders Call People to Obey True Instruction: 1 Samuel 7:15-17
 - Godly leaders are crucial to the health of the overall community.
 - Godly leaders are faithful to rule and preach by the Word.
 - Godly leaders pray for the people they are responsible for.
 - Godly leaders are an example to the people they lead.
 - Godly leaders will be faithful until death to their calling.
 - Godly leaders will give all the glory to God for all they do.
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Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of June we are collecting monetary donations for HeartCry. For more information about HeartCry and what they do, please see the board on the back table. There is a container on the back table to put your monetary donations in. There is also information on the container about how to give online.

★**4TH OF JULY SERVICE:** We will be having our annual 4th of July Service on Sunday, July 3rd, at Mary Conrad’s house (15340 CR 439, Dresden). Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this annual outdoor service and Fellowship Dinner! There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something!

★**CHURCH DAY OF PRAYER:** Our monthly day of prayer as a church body will be NEXT Wednesday, June 29th. We ask that you set aside specific time on this day to pray for the leaders and the ministries of our church body.