

1 SAMUEL 12; March 27; Samuel's Warning & Promise to Israel

ANALYSIS:

1. Samuel leads the people to declare that he had not _____ them, nor _____ them, nor taken a _____ to blind his eyes as a judge.
2. Samuel reminded Israel that they had suffered under Sisera, the Philistines and Moab when they _____ and were delivered when they cried _____.
3. Samuel explained that if they would _____ and _____ the LORD and _____ his voice, they would continue following the LORD.
4. The LORD sent _____ and _____ as a miracle during _____ harvest to confirm the words of Samuel.
5. Samuel promised he would not sin against the LORD by ceasing to _____ for Israel.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Samuel's speech resulted in the people admitting their sin in asking for a king, and asking Samuel to pray for them. He promised his prayer and teaching ministry would continue. Samuel assured them the LORD would never forsake His people for His great name's sake. The fact was that the LORD had made them His people. However, because the LORD loves His disobedient and erring children, He does correct them to restore them to walk with Him in righteousness (Heb 12:5-8). What two words in Heb 12:6 (_____ and _____) tell us the LORD'S correction may be quite painful?

When we are aware of having sinned, let us come directly and immediately to our Heavenly Father. Honest confession of sin, accompanied by renewed sincere obedience and service in the fear of the LORD, results in forgiveness and confidence before the LORD (1 John 1:9; 2:28).

HELP:

1. Defrauded, oppressed, bribe (v 3-4).
2. Forgot the LORD their God, we have sinned (vs 9-10).
3. Fear, serve, obey (v 14).
4. Thunder, rain, wheat (v 17).
5. Pray (v 23).