

Like the nations about us

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Introduction

1. 1 Samuel 8:5 ff
2. Israel wanted a king to be like the nations about them.
3. The king would be a judge over them and also lead them in the battles they would fight verse 19
4. The nations about them had this type of king.
5. But Israel was not to be like the other nations Leviticus 20:26
6. The problems that they were having was not in the government, but in the people not living as they should.
7. Their miseries came from their conformity. Romans 12:1-2
8. It is hard to be different, the best, it takes effort. It is easy to let things go Hebrews 2:1
9. What about us today?

II Discussion

1. Are we like the other religious groups?
 1. Are we a denomination, a part of a whole?
 2. We are the body of Christ Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4-6
 3. As the body of Christ we are to be different Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 1:13-21; 2:9, 11; 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1
2. Where is the problem?
 1. The divine part is not the problem Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17
 2. The human side the church
 1. Humans are not perfect 1 John 1:8
 2. Some are weak Romans 14:1
 3. Some will become overtaken in a fault Galatians 6:1-2
 4. We all need forgiveness James 5:19-20; 5:16; Ephesians 4:32
3. Why are we conforming to be like everyone else?
 1. Do we want all men to be saved? Romans 9:1-2; 10:1-3; Matthew 23:13
 2. Do we want anyone to feel uncomfortable?
 3. Do we want to become more intellectual Acts 4:13
 4. This is why the new Hermeneutics is here.

III Conclusion

1. There was the love of worldly pleasures in asking for a king, takes responsibility off of us.
2. They wanted their way as compared to God's way Hosea 13:10
3. Where are we this day? Seeking our way or God's Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 14:12
4. It is God's way to get to heaven!
5. Will you tread that pathway?

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