

THE CHARACTERS AND DRAMA OF

1 SAMUEL

[PART 21]

THE MINISTRY OF INTERCESSION

Reading: 1 Samuel 12: 13 - 25

Introduction

- The closing verses of chapter 11 and chapter 12 record an important **'transition.'**
- Chapter 11 closes with Saul's coronation and chapter 12 records Samuel's retirement speech.
- [Vs 1 - 5] Samuel speaks about his own integrity.
- [Vs 6 - 15] he speaks of Israel's habit of **'forgetting the Lord.'**
- In [vs 1 - 5] Samuel speaks about how he was faithful.
- In [vs 6 - 15] He reminds Israel how God had been faithful.
- In [vs 16 - 25] Samuel now calls on Israel to be faithful.

1 The Praying Prophet

- Lots of people in Bible remembered for their prayer lives: Abraham, Joshua, Elijah etc.
- Samuel was a wonderful **'prayer warrior.'**
- Consider his mother Hannah's prayer for him before he was conceived.
- Eli taught him his first prayer as a child [3:10].
- Consider also [1 Samuel 7:5/ 7:8/ 8:6/ 12:18/19.
- Consider the rendering of the great text of [vs 22] in the KJV.

2 Different Types Of Prayer:

- Prayers of '**adoration.**'
- Prayers of '**thanksgiving.**'
- Prayers of '**confession.**'
- Prayers of '**petition**' and
- Prayers of '**intercession.**' (Praying for others.)
- Samuel is not praying for himself. He is promising to pray for others.
- He has a ministry of intercession.
- Consider [1 Timothy 2:1] and [James 5:16].
- Pastors praying for their flock and the flock praying for their pastors.
- When Samuel prayed for his nation, the nation was safe.
- God forbid that we should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for the lost and the perishing.
- **NB.** Prayerlessness is a sin.

3 A Greater Than Samuel Is Here

- The believer has a heavenly '**Samuel,**' the Lord Jesus who intercedes for them. [Hebrews 7:25].
- God forbid that He should cease to pray for us.
- Remember how He interceded for Simon Peter in [Luke 21:31 - 32].

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