

THE KING AND HIS BAGGAGE

1 Samuel 10:17–27

There's a kind of judgment in the Bible that doesn't come as fire or thunder. It comes when God steps back and lets people have exactly what they keep reaching for. Most have tasted a little of that in their own lives—a job that seemed perfect but slowly hollowed life out, a choice that looked wise until consequences started piling up, a desire that promised joy but delivered something thinner and sharper. It raises an uncomfortable question: what if getting what the heart insists on isn't always a blessing? In Scripture, God sometimes lets people walk into the future they're determined to build, not to crush them, but to show how fragile those hopes actually are. These moments reveal whether trust rests on God or on something that can't hold the weight placed on it. And that tension sits right at the centre of this passage.

Accommodation As Judgement

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| 1. Where the people gather | 10:17 |
| 2. How the prophet rebukes | 10:18–19 |
| 3. How the king is chosen | 10:19–21 |
| 4. How the king responds | 10:21–23 |
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Judgement As Correction

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Trust Your Deliverer, Not Your Desires!