

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday: July 22nd, 2018

9:30	Welcome & Opening Prayers
10:00	Sunday School
10:40	Praises & Worship
10:55	Congregational Hymns
11:10	Today's Message
Rejection of Divine Rulership	
12:00	Announcements
12:10	Offering Hymn
12:30	Closing Prayers & Benediction

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

July 3 rd	Brother Ezekiel
July 10 th	Sister Phina
July 13 th	Brother Jeremiah

July 8 th	Brother Marchant & Sister Laurel's 18 th Anniversary
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Rejection of Divine Rulership 1 Samuel 8:1-8

There are so many things and events that are competing with God in peoples' lives today, including Christians. The world and its worldly things are taking people away from God, and thereby rejecting God's rulership. Our societies and governments have systems and policies in place that are rapidly making even God's Children reject His rule. From our text, Israel had rejected God and there were/are consequences that the nation faces till today.

I. When God was King over Israel

Exod. 6:1-2; 7:1; 8:1; 9:1; 10:1; 14:1; Joshua 1:1-3; Jos. 6:20; Judg. 7:25; 8:22-23; 1 Sam. 7:10

Israel as a nation has been much favoured and blessed with divine leading and rulership. However at this time in Israel's history, they were fed up of this theocracy and would have none of their *unseen King and Head*. Despite the fact that God had made provision for a future king for Israel, they ran ahead of God in demanding a king, Deuteronomy 17:14-20; Judges 8:22-23

II. Israel Motives of asking for a king

2 Cor. 10:12; Exo. 23:2; Deut. 12:30; Exod. 14:14; 23:27; 2Chron. 20:29; 32:8

1. To be like other nations
2. To lead them to battles

Impatience and sinful imitations often make men to abandon the path of righteousness in preference for the seemingly easy byways of sin, to throw away the unseen spiritual resources like prayer and faith.

III. Israel without Divine Rulership

1Sam. 4:10-11; Jos. 7:5

Israel was demanding a political and military administration in place of the priestly and prophetic administration. They will rather have it the way of the world than the way of the Lord. They seem apparently to be rejecting the administration of Samuel, but in reality they were rejecting the administration of God who instituted Samuel as His human representative to Israel. Lurking beneath the apparent actions of men are grave spiritual undertones, reasons, consequences and implications.

IV. Life Without Divine Rulership

Prov. 1:24-27; Luke 7:30; Acts 7:51-53; Romans 1:21-32; Luke 4:28,29; 23:18
Our world is becoming a world of ones' own rights. Nobody wants to be controlled. Submitting to one another in the fear of God brings love, joy, peace and righteousness. When we allow God to rule in our lives, He will never leave nor forsake us.

Announcements:

- **Welcome** newcomers
- **Worship Times** (refer to the bulletin)
- **Redemption Hour** – Sunday 6 pm at the Church.
- **July Birthdays** – Inside bulletin.
- **Friday Morning Prayers** - 9 am Prayer Session for Spiritual Power.
- **Monthly "All Night Prayers"** for the Community Every 1st Saturday at 9 pm.
- **Welfare Membership forms** - available on the table at the back of the Church. We are reminded to pay our Welfare dues.
- **Vacation Bible School forms** – 1st Church of the Brethren, July 29th – August 2nd, VBS is for children 4 – 12. The VBS forms are on the table at the back of the Church. Please return completed forms to Pastor Dadeboe or Pastor BB.
- **www.ChristDisciplesUSA.com** – Sermons, Tithing, and more.

Visitors: If you are new to our area and are looking for a Church home, we would love to have you as a part of our Church family. Please leave us your name and phone number so that we may contact you.

Please complete our **Guest Information card** which will be presented to you by our ushers. Thanks for joining us and we hope to see you again.

Benediction:

2 Corinthians 13 v 14

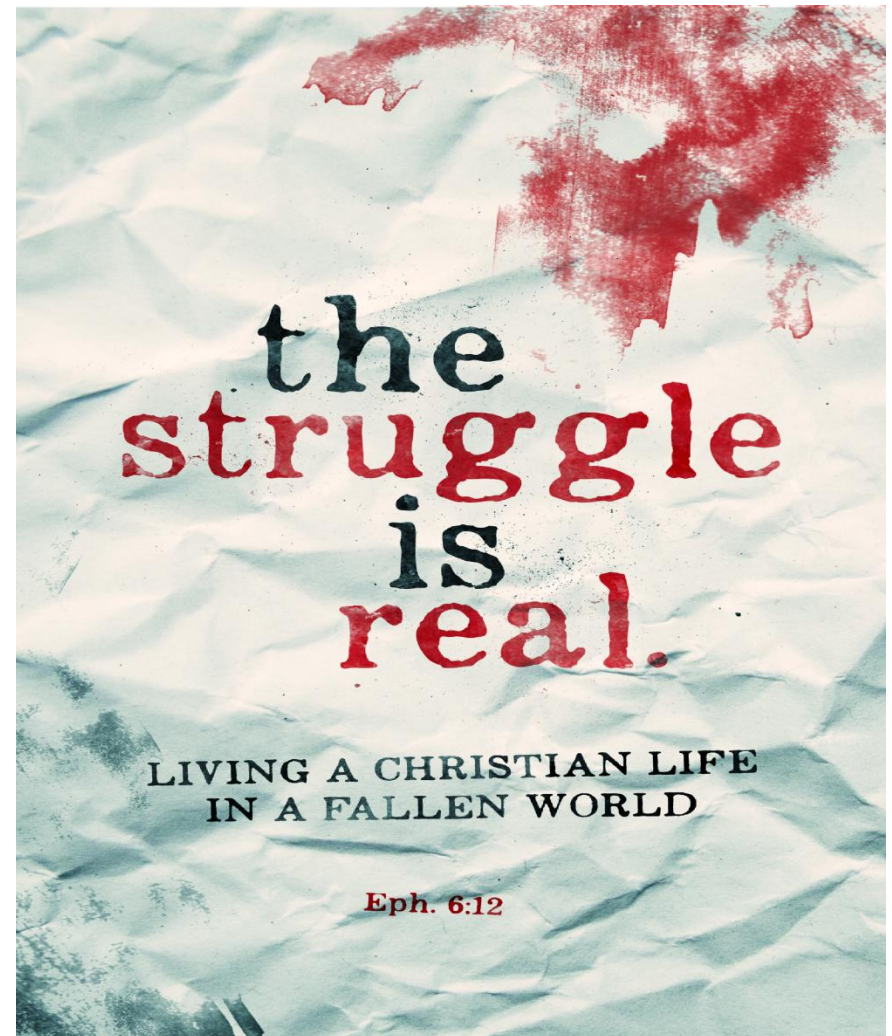
"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us now and ever more."

Amen

Psalms 23 v 6

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever and ever."

Amen



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