

Don't Force Your Own Will On God?

***"I gave thee a king in mine anger,
and took him away in my wrath."
(Hosea 13:11 KJV)***

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away." (Hosea 13:11 NIV)***

God is recalling to the people the incident when they requested the prophet Samuel to give them a king to rule over them like the other nations, "5 They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have." 6 But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD. 7 And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king." (1Samuel 7:5-7 NIV) That request was in disobedience to God's will and command. They were rejecting the teaching and the ways of Samuel who was teaching them to follow God wholeheartedly and to throw away their various idols.

God gave them Saul as king and he ruled over Israel for forty years and finally God took him away in His wrath during a battle with the Philistines, that end up with all the army of Israel scattered, "1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; the Israelites fled before them, and many fell dead on Mount Gilboa. 2 The

Philistines were in hot pursuit of Saul and his sons, and they killed his sons Jonathan, Abinadab and Malki-Shua. 3 The fighting grew fierce around Saul, and when the archers overtook him, they wounded him critically. 4 Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword and run me through, or these uncircumcised fellows will come and run me through and abuse me." But his armor-bearer was terrified and would not do it; so Saul took his own sword and fell on it. 5 When the armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he too fell on his sword and died with him. 6 So Saul and his three sons and his armor-bearer and all his men died together that same day. 7 When the Israelites along the valley and those across the Jordan saw that the Israelite army had fled and that Saul and his sons had died, they abandoned their towns and fled. And the Philistines came and occupied them." (1Samuel 31:1-7 NIV)

In the same way when the Israelites grumbled against Moses to get them meat, the Lord responded to their haughty request; He gave them meat but He punished them, "31 Now a wind went out from the LORD and drove quail in from the sea. It scattered them up to two cubits deep all around the camp, as far as a day's walk in any direction. 32 All that day and night and all the next day the people went out and gathered quail. No one gathered less than ten homers. Then they

spread them out all around the camp. 33 But while the meat was still between their teeth and before it could be consumed, the anger of the LORD burned against the people, and he struck them with a severe plague. 34 Therefore the place was named Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they buried the people who had craved other food." (Numbers 11:31-34 NIV) So you can see clearly when the people insisted on their own way and requested God something that does not go along His will, the Lord gave it to them, but he punished them for that wrong doing request.

The same now to you; if you insist on your own request to God even you know it is not God's will for you to have it. The Lord may give it to you but He will make you pay the consequences of that sin.

Humility and honesty before God is needed. When you don't walk humbly before God and continue to resist His will and provoke Him to anger, then the Lord will deal with you and will punish you for all your sins and your wrong character and attitudes.

I hope and pray that the message will give you more insight and impart to you humility and the fear of God as you repent from all your sins and wrong doing and agree to pray.

My Prayer

Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross

for my sins and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord I repent of the following sins _____ . Lord I humble myself before you, and I give up my wrong attitudes and my wrong character. Lord take away your wrath from me, I give up insisting my own will and ways on this matter _____. Uphold me with your grace and sustain me to continue to live my life in a way pleasant to you. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

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Is
My Shepherd**

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