
A Study In 1 Samuel
"A Fresh Start"
1 Samuel 7

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Introduction: Restoration is a process. We don't go from 1-10, we go from 1-2.

1. We have seen the very beginning stages of this process.
 - Samuel is born.
 - God begins to speak to Samuel.
 - The corrupt priesthood has been purged.
 - The Ark has been returned.
 - All of this represents progress.
2. As we come to chapter 7, Israel is poised to take the next step.
3. It is the equivalent of a fresh start. But that fresh start requires change.
 - You cannot continue to do the same things -
 - And expect to get different results.
 - That is insane.
4. Here in chapter 7, we see the kind of changes Israel made.
5. It's those changes that led to their success.

I. A Wholehearted Return To The Lord

- A. Repentance
- B. Heart
- C. Idols

II. Intentional Follow Through

- A. Worship
- B. Service
- C. Dependency

Conclusion: Do you see what has happened?

1. We have gone from "Ichabod" to "Ebenezer".
2. This did not happen by accident.
3. Change was necessary, changes were made, and positive results followed.
4. God offers every one of us a fresh start.
5. If you turn to Him and walk with Him, you can have it!