

SERIES: JUDGES

TEXT: Judges 8:33 - 9:21; 2 Sam 15:1-6; 3 John 9-10

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We need to remind ourselves at this point of the basic lesson of Judges 9. If God is not King, a usurper will arise in His place. If God had been kept in His place as King, Abimelech would never have been successful. But when there is a spiritual vacuum, Satan will rush in to fill it. Gary Inrig

Why were the Israelites so quick to dismiss the model of the theocracy and seek to embrace the kingship model of the surrounding nations?

Church history has provided us with examples of what can happen when anyone—even well-motivated and apparently godly men—moves beyond personal accountability to anyone else. None of us is immune from the corrupting influence of power and position. We can all too easily lose our perspective on ourselves, and with it our moral and spiritual balance. (Preachers Commentary Series, Jackman, D., & Ogilvie, L.J.)

What qualifications for leadership should we insist upon in the church of Jesus Christ?

How should our giftedness protect us against seeking some other exalted status?

Discuss: People tend to get the leaders they deserve. Agree or disagree?
