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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1478 ~ Israel Desires a King.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

In the first chapter of the Bible book Proverbs, it says, “To have knowledge, you must first have reverence for the Lord. Stupid people have no respect for wisdom and refuse to learn.” The Lord God goes on to say, “Listen to what is wise and try to understand it.”

The following story illustrates the results of not listening to wise counsel.

A young woman was eager to be married. She hoped that marriage would give her the love and happiness she so desired. Once married, she thought that all her needs would be met and life would be wonderful. She went on a search for a husband and found a man, yet he seemed to be in a great deal of need himself. Thinking that they both could help each other, the woman went ahead and planned the wedding. Several wise people came to her and tried to point out the difficulties she could face by marrying someone whose needs were even greater than her own. But the woman remained unconvinced and went ahead with the marriage.

The day after the wedding, the man attacked the woman and hurt her physically. It was a terrible start to a marriage that was meant to be supportive and happy. By not listening to the wise counsellors, this woman paid a high price for her own stubbornness and short sightedness.

In our drama today, the Israelites kept asking their judge and leader Samuel for something they greatly desired – king to lead them into battle. Samuel asked the Lord what to do and warned them what would happen if they got what they wanted. But the Israelites ignored Samuel’s words and chose to go their own stubborn and short-sighted way.

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Samuel had been judge of the Israelite nation since the death of Eli, the High Priest. Over the years, Samuel settled many disputes and counselled people wisely in their day-to-day conflicts. However, Samuel’s sons did not follow their father’s godly example. While Eli’s sons had yielded to the lusts of the flesh, Samuel’s sons instead loved money and accepted bribes. This caused injustice among the people. Israel’s leaders asked Samuel for a king to lead them into battle. They lacked the faith in God they needed to have God fight their battles for them.

Samuel knew that the Lord Himself was regarded as the real king of Israel. The Lord had led them out of bondage. He had taken them safely through the Red Sea and given them land He had promised them. He protected, provided, guided and loved them.

But the people still wanted to be like other nations. God, however, wanted them to be unlike the idol-worshipping people around them. He wanted them to be a good example to the other nations but the Israelites rejected God’s ruling over them.

They assumed they would fare better if they had a king. Samuel warned them of the problems this would cause them in future times but the people never listened to these disadvantages. False assumptions keep many people from believing in Christ. And the Israelites assumed they knew better.

Eventually the Lord gave the Israelites what they wanted but neither God nor Samuel were pleased about this. God gave the Israelites over to their stubborn desires because they still preferred to go their own way. Even when we don't want to hear what others have to say, one source of advice is never wrong. And this is God's Word, the Bible.

A man from a prominent family in America died after eating poisonous mushrooms some several years ago. He picked the mushrooms near his house and thought he knew the difference between good and bad ones. However, it takes an expert to know which is which with some fungi varieties. In fact, the stronger the poison, the longer it takes for symptoms to show, yet by the time that they do, it may be already too late.

There are some things in life we should not try to learn by trial and error, for the price of a mistake is far too high. That's the way it is with our beliefs about the meaning of life and our choices about right and wrong. Much is at stake and the full consequences of our actions may not be seen until it is too late. We need to check out the Bible on what it says here.

As our drama today showed, there are consequences for acting foolishly. Yes indeed, having wisdom has great benefits. In everything, the Lord Jesus obeyed His Heavenly Father. He went about healing, teaching, warning and raising up leaders to spread the news of the Kingdom of Heaven to many others. Even after His resurrection and return to heaven, Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit to guide us and show the right way to live.

In Romans, Chapter 1, the apostle Paul says, "...people have no excuse at all! They know God but they do not give Him the honour that belongs to Him, nor do they thank Him. Instead, their thoughts have become complete nonsense and their empty minds are filled with darkness. They say they are wise but they are fools; instead of worshipping the immortal God, they worship images."

Yet we can have complete confidence in God's power to save all those who believe in His Son Jesus. The person who is put right with God through faith in Jesus will live with Him for ever.

Someone once said: "No one is so good that he can save himself and no one is so bad that God cannot save him."

Another wise saying reminds us:

Jesus is the way, the Truth and the Life:

Without the way there is no going;

Without the truth there is no knowing;

Without the life there is no growing.

Yes, our search for true wisdom and reality ends when we find Jesus Christ.

Have you experienced rejection in your relationships with other people? It takes time to get over the hurt, anger, self blame and disappointment. A young man in Africa tells of how he had behaved badly in his family. His family threw him out of both his home and the family as a result. In time, he heard about the Lord Jesus Christ. The young man committed his whole life to Jesus and rejoiced to have Jesus as his Saviour. He said that his family had rejected him, yet Jesus had not! And the Lord Jesus will not reject you either, if you come to Him with genuine sorrow over your selfish behaviour and past mistakes.

MUSIC - [Integrity Music](#).

That was Keith Anderson singing "Trust in the Lord."

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