

§. 9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice : howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and show them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

### HOME READINGS.

Mon. 1 Samuel 8. Th. Psalm 2.  
Tu. 1 Kings 21. Fr. Revelation 5.  
Wed. Ezekiel 46. 1-18. Sat. Matt 21. 33-46.  
Sabbath. John 18. 28-40.

**TOPIC:** *Longing to be like the World.*

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.* Psalm 118. 9.

**OUTLINE:**—1. *The Desire of the Elders*, v. 4, 5; Deut. 17. 4; Acts 13. 21.  
2. *The Displeasure of the Judge*, v. 6; Exod. 32. 19; Gal. 2. 11.  
3. *The Decision of the Lord*, v. 7, 9; Exod. 36. 8; Hosea 13. 9-11.

### GENERAL STATEMENT.

The KING OF KINGS forgotten by an ambitious people who desired a king like other kings, as the TOPIC states it: *Longing to be like the world*. O if they had but realized what they might have known, and what they afterward found out, that, in the language of the GOLDEN TEXT: "*It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.*" Psa. 118. 9. We see the whole lesson in the OUTLINE: 1. THE DESIRE OF THE ELDERS; 2. THE DISPLEASURE OF THE JUDGE; 3. THE DECISION OF THE LORD. By contrast our attention is called in the DOCTRINE to "*The King in Zion.*" He is King of kings, and worthy of all confidence and praise and service.

### LESSON HYMN.—Tune "Avon." C. M.

Lord, what is man! that child of pride,  
That boasts his high degree!  
If left one moment to himself,  
He sinks—and where is he?  
In thee I live, and move, and am;  
Thou dealest out my days:  
Lord, as thou dost renew my life,  
Let me renew thy praise.

### QUESTIONS, etc.

Recite TITLE and OUTLINE.

1. *The desire of the elders*, v. 4, 5.  
Who were "the elders?" [ANS.—The older and wiser men of the nation. Moses selected seventy such to help him in the management of the people.]

What did the elders desire Samuel to make?  
v. 5.

What reasons did they give for this request?  
v. 5.

What reason for it is expressed in our TOPIC?  
What rebuke of it is in our GOLDEN TEXT?

2. *The displeasure of the judge*, v. 6.  
Did the elders speak truly about Samuel and his sons? see v. 1-3.  
Read v. 6 carefully and tell just what displeased Samuel.

In Gen. 17. 6 God promised kings to Israel.  
Why, then, should Samuel be displeased?

In his displeasure what did he do? v. 6.  
Why was this a very wise course?

What spirit does it show to have been in Samuel?

3. *The Decision of the Lord*, v. 7-9.

What did the Lord twice tell Samuel to do?  
Whom did they reject in this choice? v. 7.

How do men now do the same thing?  
Why did God allow them to have their way?

What spirit in the people does v. 8 show?  
How do men now show the same spirit?

While God tells Samuel to hearken to them,  
what other two things must he do? v. 9.

Who now should "protest solemnly" unto those who reject king Jesus?

What king do those choose who reject Jesus?  
When Samuel made this protest, what would have been wise conduct in the elders?

What is wise conduct in every one who hears the Gospel?

Where in this lesson do we learn—

1. How to act when displeased?
2. That a proper thing may be asked in a wrong way?
3. That it is not safe to trust a multitude?

### QUESTION AND ANSWER.

OF THE WORD OF GOD, AND PRAYER.

1. *In what is the word of God contained?*

The word of God is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

2. *How are we to use the word of God to our benefit?*

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