

# HELPFUL INSTRUCTIONS TO GOD'S PEOPLE

## WHEN ISRAEL TURNED AWAY

- ❖ They wanted to be like the other nations and have a king
  - ◆ They were concerned about the quality of upcoming leadership
  - ◆ They looked to man not God (*1 Samuel 8:19-20 NKJV*)
  - ◆ God said they rejected Him (*1 Samuel 8:7 NKJV*)

## SAMUEL ADMONISHMENT TO THE PEOPLE (*1 Samuel 12:20-22 NKJV*)

- ❖ Do not turn away
  - ◆ There is a path to following God - revealed by His word and Spirit
  - ◆ Up to us to stay on that path - have to keep our heart toward God
- ❖ Turning away leads to following the wrong things
  - ◆ Things that are empty - nothing to them; vain
  - ◆ Things that do not profit or deliver (*2 Timothy 2:16-18 NKJV*)

## WAYS TO STAY ON TRACK (*1 Samuel 12:23-24 NKJV*)

- ❖ Fear the Lord
  - ◆ Reverence - respect on a very high level (*2 Corinthians 7:1 NIV*)
- ❖ Serve Him with your heart (*Colossians 3:22-24 NIV*)
  - ◆ We operate out of reverence for the Lord
  - ◆ We do things for the Lord
  - ◆ The Lord is the One who rewards us
- ❖ Consider the great things He has done for you
  - ◆ The enemy always tries to diminish / devalue
  - ◆ We have to consider God's works as great (*Mark 4:24 NASB*)
- ❖ Give thanks for the great things God has done
  - ◆ This is a way to make God bigger in our lives (*Psalms 69:30 NKJV*)
  - ◆ Giving thanks for our salvation (*1 Thessalonians 5:9 NKJV*)
  - ◆ Thankful for what we have become in Christ (*2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV*)