

- iii. And when they confess their sin to the Lord, we see Samuel, as a man of prayer interceding for them, asking the Lord ~~to~~ forgive them.
19. While they are in the process of doing that, the Philistines hear that they are there and come up and attack the children of Israel.
20. Samuel is informed of this and he asks the Lord to deliver them from the Philistines.
- i. The Philistines attacked.
 - ii. The Lord sent thunder so loud that it sent them into a state of confusion.
 - iii. The Philistines started to flee.
 - iv. The Israelites went after them and the Israelites were victorious over the Philistines.
21. After this event, Samuel continued to judge in Israel the rest of his life.
22. Samuel had two sons and he had appointed them to be judges after him, but the Israelites were not happy with them because his sons were not walking with the Lord.
- i. The people of Israel don't want them ^{to} rule over them.
 - ii. So the elders go to see Samuel and they say, "Samuel, we want a king to reign over us like the other nations have."
 - iii. When Samuel heard that, he was heartsick.
 - iv. The Lord spoke to Samuel and said, "I want you to understand that by wanting a king, the Israelites aren't rejecting you. They are rejecting me. They are saying that they don't want me, the Lord to reign over them. And I want you to tell them what's going to be involved if they have a king and what that king is going to do."
 - v. And he goes and tells them, but they still want a king.
 - vi. Samuel tells the Lord and says, "Alright, we'll take care of it."
 - a. The Lord wasn't caught off guard.
 - b. He had the man picked out who was going to be the king and that was Saul.
 - 1) He was a Benjamite who lived in Gibeah.
 - 2) He was the son of Kish.
23. The anointing of Saul
- i. One day Kish's donkey got lost and Kish sent Saul and his servant to look for the donkey.
 - ii. They can't find it.
 - iii. They are about ready to turn around and go home when the servant says, "We are near a town and there is a prophet of the Lord there (i. e. Samuel). Let's go ask him. Maybe he knows where the donkey is."