

1 Samuel 8: "listen"

8.7-9

and **YHWH said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people** in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but **they have rejected me from being king over them.**

8 Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you.

9 Now then, **listen to their voice; only--you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."**

8.19-22

19 **But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel;** they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us,

20 **so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern [as 1 Kings 3.9] us and go out before us and fight our battles."**

21 When **Samuel had listened to all the words of the people,** he repeated them in the ears of YHWH.

22 **YHWH said to Samuel, "Listen to their voice and set a king over them."** Samuel then said to the people of Israel, "Each of you return home."