



The Crowns We Choose

Fear

Main Thought: *Rejection is always rooted in fear. Faith is the only way out.*

1. Recap: The First Crown – Rejection (1 Samuel 8:6–8, AMP)

“They have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being King over them.” – 1 Samuel 8:7 (AMP)

- Israel’s demand for a king wasn’t practical—it was **emotional** and **fear-based**.
- They were afraid God wouldn’t sustain them like the nations around them.
- So they demanded something they could see, something they could *control*.

 Key Insight:

Fear always asks for **visible guarantees**, not unseen promises.

They rejected God’s leadership—not in anger, but in **fear**. And God let them have what they asked for.

2. Introducing Saul: A King Chosen in the Image of Their Fear

“There was a man... a handsome man among the Israelites; there was not a more handsome person than he among the children of Israel. From his shoulders upward he was a head taller than any of the people.” – 1 Samuel 9:1–2 (AMP)

- Saul looked the part—strong, tall, visible. He was everything they thought would make them safe.
- But **Saul’s leadership was rooted in the same fear that drove their request**.
- He was insecure, image-conscious, and constantly seeking approval.

Saul's Fear-Fueled Actions:

- **1 Samuel 10:22** – He hid during his own coronation.
- **1 Samuel 13:11–12** – He offered an unauthorized sacrifice because the people were scattering.
- **1 Samuel 15:24** – *“I feared the people and obeyed their voice.”*
- **1 Samuel 18:12** – He feared David because God was with him.
- **1 Samuel 28** – He consulted a medium out of fear when God went silent.

3. Israel’s Fear Was Saul’s Fear

“They have forsaken Me and served other gods—doing so since the day I brought them out of Egypt.” – 1 Samuel 8:8 (AMP)

- Israel was afraid God wouldn’t protect, provide, or come through.
- They wanted **control over dependence, sight over faith, performance over trust.**
- Saul was their **mirror**—externally impressive, internally fractured.

4. Rejection Is Always Rooted in Fear

“For God has not given us a spirit of timidity or cowardice or fear, but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of sound judgment.” – 2 Timothy 1:7 (AMP)

- We reject God’s way when we’re afraid He won’t be enough.
- We reject His leadership when we fear loss, obscurity, failure, or pain.
- That rejection shows up in compromise, control, image obsession, and isolation.

5. Faith Is the Counter to Fear

“Now faith is the assurance [title deed, confirmation] of things hoped for... and the evidence of things not seen [the conviction of their reality—faith comprehends as fact what cannot be experienced by the physical senses].” – Hebrews 11:1 (AMP)

Faith Defined:

- Not blind belief.
- Faith is seeing the unseen promises of God as *more real* than visible threats.

 Fear says: “God won’t.”

 Faith says: “God already has.”

6. Feeding Fear – How We Let It Rule

“The mind of the flesh [with its sinful pursuits] is actively hostile to God... it does not submit itself to God’s law.” – Romans 8:7 (AMP)

- We choose fear every time we:
 - Prioritize safety over obedience
 - Choose compromise over conviction
 - Keep God at a distance because surrender feels risky
- Fear becomes our *functional king*. We make decisions to protect ourselves, not glorify God.

7. This Is So Far From What God Has for Us

“It is for this freedom that Christ set us free [completely liberating us]; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery [which you once removed].” – Galatians 5:1 (AMP)

- Fear enslaves, manipulates, and takes.
- Jesus came to **break that cycle**—not just of fear, but of the whole kingdom of darkness.

8. What Is the Core Fear? Death.

“Since [God’s] children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.” – Hebrews 2:14–15 (AMP)

- At the core of every fear is this lie: **“You’ll lose everything, and God won’t catch you.”**
- Jesus destroyed the fear of death—and everything that flows from it.
- He now offers **freedom**, not through sight—but through **trust**.

9. The Grand Narrative: A Better King Has Come

“Come to Me, all who are weary and heavily burdened [by religious rituals that provide no peace], and I will give you rest.” – Matthew 11:28 (AMP)

“Peace I leave with you; My [perfect] peace I give to you... Do not let your hearts be troubled, nor let it be afraid.” – John 14:27 (AMP)

- Jesus didn’t come wearing Saul’s crown. He came carrying a cross.
- He doesn’t rule by fear—He rules by **perfect love**.
- He’s not asking you to fake strength—He’s asking you to **trust Him fully**.

Summary Takeaway:

Fear leads to rejection. Rejection leads to slavery. But faith in Jesus leads to freedom.

You don't have to keep choosing fear.

You don't have to live under a king that takes.

Jesus has already conquered the core fear—death itself.