

The Merciful King of Israel Saves

1 Samuel 11

*God is the merciful Savior and King of Israel.
He shows this through...*

1. A merciless enemy (vs 1-3)
2. An anointed judge (vs 4-11)
3. A merciful king (vs 12-13)
4. A joyful kingdom (vs 14-15)

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

1. Samuel 12:12 tells us Nahash is one of the reasons Israel sinfully asked for a king. In light of this, why do you think God saved Israel from Nahash?
2. How does God equip Saul to lead His people as a judge and king? What fruit does Saul show? Does this surprise you? Why or why not?
3. What does God's redemption of Gibeah through Saul show about His character? What does it say about His willingness to save? What does that mean for your own salvation and the salvation of others?
4. How does Saul show in this chapter the good characteristics of God's king? How are these characteristics displayed even more fully in David? How are they displayed in Christ?
5. 1 Samuel was written to people who knew about the downfall of Saul and the decline of the Davidic kingdom. How would this change how they viewed Saul's great beginning? What warning might that give to us?