

Who Do You Want to be Like?

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- I. Intro
 - A. Who do you want to be like? When we are little we all want to be like someone. We want to be a (blank). Me? Tom Conway, Harvey Korman (Jim Carrey and Steve Corel). Wanted to be on SNL.
 - B. Maybe it's been a while since you thought about who you wanted to be like.
 - 1. You are just trying to keep up with being yourself let alone be like someone else.
 - 2. Maybe you don't like who you are becoming.
 - 3. Maybe you know exactly who you want to be like. Reconsider?
 - 4. What we want in life heavily influences who we want to be like. Peter, MJ, and Flash.
 - C. It's a good question to ask yourself. Who do you want to be like? Take a look at Israel.
- II. Preface: this is only possible with you in Jesus and Jesus in you.
- III. 1 Samuel 8
 - A. 8:1-5 They wanted to be like the nations around them.
 - 1. They gave up on God and made their own plan. Have you ever done that? Wanted to be like those around you?
 - 2. The reality that they will come to know is that the nations were no better off. They were already like the nations.
 - B. 8:7 reject Judges Shuffle. Everyone needs to have a personal encounter with the living God. Without that, all you have is religion, not a relationship with Jesus. Do you have that?
 - C. 8:8-9 Survey
 - D. 8:10 Look at what a king was supposed to be like. Deut 17:14-20. That would be a great king!
 - E. 8:11-18 Now get into what the king would actually be like. Survey.
 - 1. When we try to do our own thing and put a different king over our lives other than God, we will get ripped off!
 - 2. You might have a temporary sense of satisfaction or even some success. But your joy will be gone, your sense of purpose will be gone, and in the long run you will be empty and alone.
 - F. 8:19-22 Survey. Long term results? Godly king, good times. Ungodly king, miserable times. Same thing in our lives.
- IV. Who should we be like?
 - A. Sunday School answer? Jesus! What did Jesus do?
 - 1. What was Jesus like? He was loving, merciful, confrontational, honest, fair, angry, compassionate. He was also like Father.
 - 2. John 5:19 Jesus said that the things that He did, He did because they were the things He saw His Father doing. Jesus was just trying to be like His dad. (Jonah & Jer & McDonald's)
 - 3. John 14:12 Jesus also said that those who believe in Him will build upon what He began. Works doesn't mean just the miracles, it means all that Jesus started to do, the mission He started. We are supposed to carry on His work.

- B. How do we become like Jesus? 1 Peter 1:13-19 What you can do.
1. 1:13 Get your mind in the right place. Get out of whatever funk you may be in whether its anxiety, stress, uncertainty, fear, pride, obsession, and focus on Jesus and what He has for you. Romans 12:2.
 2. 1:14-16 Don't let yourself get caught up in the traps of the past. Rather, as a child, obey and imitate God.
 - a) To be holy means to be set apart. That means cutting things out of your life that keep you from being holy.
 - b) Set apart from and to. Boat, firefighter, Spiderman, Superman.
 - c) Seek Jesus and He will tell you what those things are.
 3. 1:17 If you call on God you have to understand that He treats everyone the same. You are no more special (which leads to pride) or less special (which leads to self-centered pity) than anyone else. Knowing this should inspire some sincere respect for God from you. Can't blame for playing favs.
 4. 1:18-19 Recognize that He bought you and He owns you.
 - a) You weren't bought from the clutches of rules and regulations that were maid up to make you feel like you were a good person, or at least not as bad as the next person with something that is temporary. Me in HS.
 - b) Rather, you and I have been bought with the very blood of the Son of God. Your salvation cost God His Son. You salvation is worth His Son. That is what you are worth.
- C. (if time) Malachi 3 The Refiners fire. Let God do it in you.
- V. So, who do you want to be like? I want to be like my Heavenly Daddy. I want to be like my Big Brother Jesus. I'm going to watch what they do and copy them. It's not about us. It's about Christ in us and through us, it's about us in Him. How about you?