

It's Not A Democracy

I. Introduction: A democracy is basically a government in which the authority is vested in the people and exercised by them directly or indirectly. Representatives are generally chosen through elections. I often wonder if the spread of democracy has led people to rebellion against the supreme authority.

A. Look back at Israel when the people chose to reject their true King (**I Samuel 8:1-22**).

1. Think about Samuel's wording when Saul was appointed as their king as they requested (**I Samuel 10:17-19**).
2. God knew this day was coming (**Deuteronomy 17:14**).

B. While we certainly have the freewill to choose who we will serve (**Joshua 24:15**)...

1. ... That choice has consequences (**II Peter 2:4-9**).
2. The difference between the days of Samuel and now is this, the consequences are now everlasting (**Matthew 25:46**).

II. Body: THE King Is Jesus (**I Timothy 6:14-15**)!

A. Jesus' authority is over all (**Isaiah 9:1-7**; cf. **Matthew 4:12-17**).

1. Everything exists by Him and for Him (**Colossians 1:12-18**).
2. From the Father of all, Jesus' currently has authority over heaven and earth (**Matthew 11:27**, **Matthew 28:18**, and **I Peter 3:18-22**).
3. He is not a tyrant, but a King who loves and died for His subjects (**John 10:11**, **John 15:13**, and **Romans 14:9**).

B. His authority is not even close to man's. He is FAR ABOVE... (**Ephesians 1:19-23**).

1. Every knee will and should bow (**Romans 14:10-12** and **Philippians 2:9-11**).
2. All Judgment has been given to King Jesus (**John 5:22**).

C. Let's think about those that reject King Jesus (**John 12:48**; cf. **Luke 9:23-26**).

1. To the Jews (**Matthew 21:33-44**).
2. To all of humanity (**Hebrews 10:26-31**).
3. Yet, similarly to Israel in the days of Samuel, the world has chosen a different king (**II Corinthians 4:3-4**; cf. **I John 3:8**).

III. Conclusion: Aside from those who die in innocence (i.e. children), King Jesus will only save one group of people from eternal destruction (**Hebrews 5:8-9**). So, bow now by choice to be saved when He returns to claim His own people.