I. Introduction to the Book

 A. Israel’s Last Judge: Samuel

 B. Israel’s First King: Saul

 C. Israel’s Greatest King: David

 D. Chief Characters: Eli; Hannah; Samuel; Saul; David; Goliath; Jonathan; Abigail

 1. Different Styles of Leadership

 2. Theology of Success: Not Dependent on rank, style; wisdom, age, etc.

II. Layout of the Book

 A. Eli and Samuel: 1:1-7; 17

 B. Samuel and Saul: 8:1 – 15:35

 C. Saul and David: 16:1 – 31:13

III. Significance of the Book for a “Christian Nation”

 A. Corruption was a Call for Change

 1. Theology of Change

 B. A Change of Government did not address the REAL Issue: The People

 1. No Government can Replace the Rule of God in our Hearts

IV. Chapter 1 & 2: Echoes of Utah

 A. A Study in Contrasts

 1. Two Wives

 2. Eli’s Sons vs. Samuel

 3. Mercy vs. Justice

V. Chapter 3: “Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.”:

 A. The Word of the Lord: From Rarity to Regularity

VI. Chapter 4: Ichabod

 A. Raiders of the Lost Ark

**God: Immortal, Invisible**

**1.**  Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days

Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.

**4.** Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,

Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;

All Laud we would render; O help us to see

‘Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.