

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

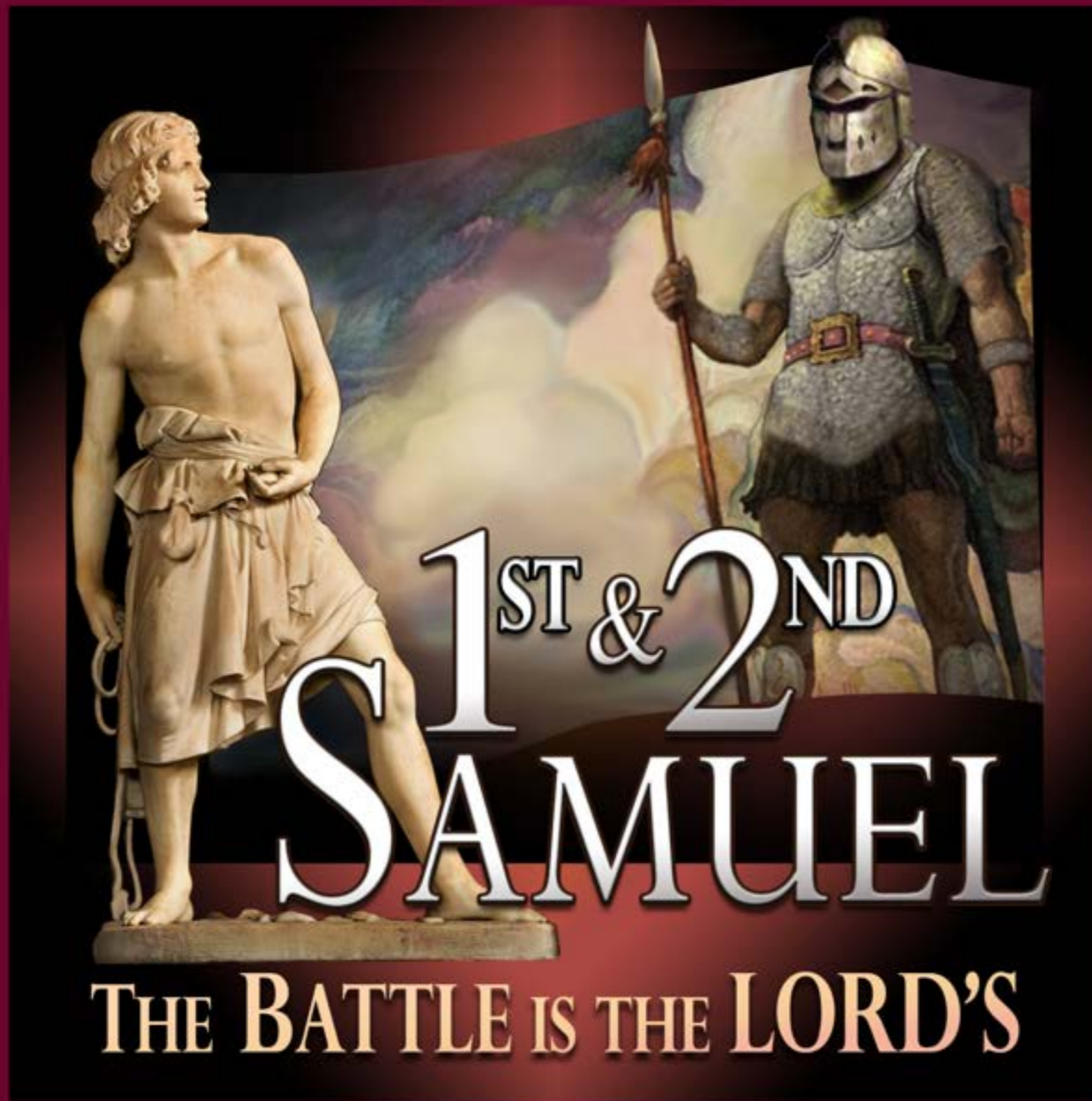
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**GOD CONTROLS HISTORY**  
**1 SAMUEL 1-7**

# 1 Samuel

**Samuel**  
Prophet,  
Priest,  
Judge

1 7

**Saul**

Rise

Decline

David's Rise

8 15 16 31

**1 Sam. 7:15, “And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.**

**1 Sam. 7:16, “He went from year to year on a circuit to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah, and judged Israel in all those places.**

**1 Sam. 7:17, “But he always returned to Ramah, for his home was there. There he judged Israel, and there he built an altar to the LORD.”**

**Jephthah, 1150–1100 BC**

**Samson, ca. 1123–1084 BC**

**Samuel, ca. 1115–1020 BC**

**1124 BC**

**1106 BC**

**Saul, 1075–1010**

**Ammonite  
Oppression**  
(Transjordan)

**1084 BC 1050 BC**

**Philistine  
Oppression**  
(Cisjordan)

**Battle of  
Aphek**  
*ca.* 1104 BC  
(1 Sam. 4)

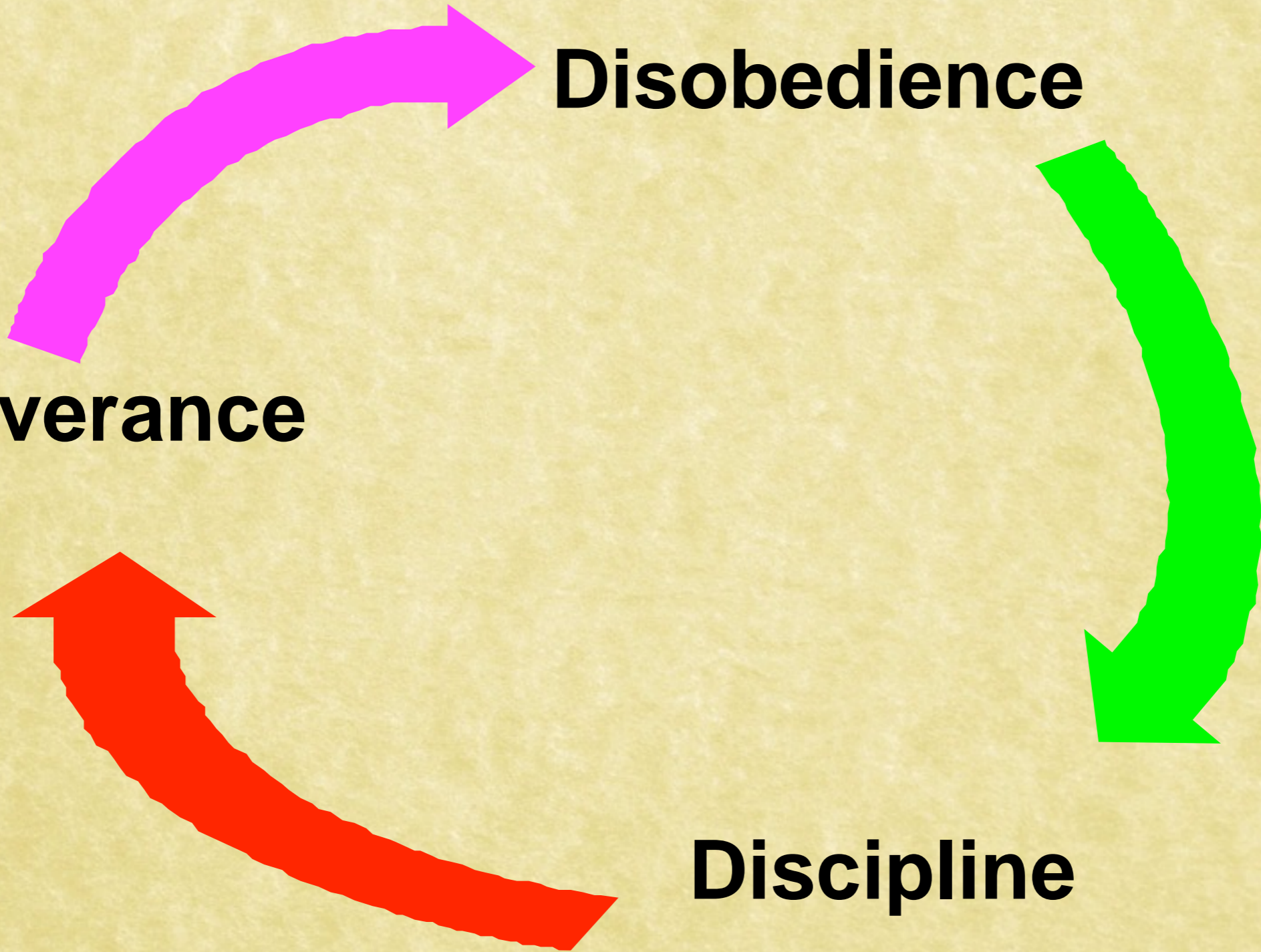
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Mizpah**  
*ca.* 1084 BC  
(1 Sam. 7:11)

# The Cycles of the Judges

**Disobedience**

**Deliverance**

**Discipline**



**I. God's preparation to deliver the nation Israel from her enemies by grace.**

***1 Sam. 1–7***

**II. God establishes the office of the king.**

***1 Sam. 8–15***

**III. God decreases the influence of Saul, and increases David.**

***1 Sam. 16–2 Sam. 1***

- 1. The Lord graciously prepares Israel for deliverance through the birth of a son (1 Sam. 1:1–2:11).**
- 2. The Lord prepares Israel for a new era by blessing the family of Hannah and beginning to judge the House of Eli (1 Sam. 2:12–36).**
- 3. The Lord initiates Samuel's role as prophet to Israel (1 Sam. 3:1–22).**
- 4. The Lord causes Israel to be defeated, allows the Ark to be captured, so the house of Eli can be judged (1 Sam. 4:1–22).**
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Elkanah



Eli



Hannah



Peninah



Hophni



Phinehas

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**God**

**Man**

**Salvation**

**Problem solving**

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**What do we learn about:**

**GOD:**

**Faithful, Our Rock (Lam. 3:21–23; Psa. 36:5; Psa. 89:1; 1 Sam. 2:2 );**

**God is working out His plan (1 Sam. 2:3–7; Deut. 18:15, 18 w/ John 1:25, Acts 3:22);**

**Unique (1 Sam. 2:1);**

**Executes justice (1 Sam. 2:9–10);**

**He will provide a King Messiah (1 Sam. 2:10).**

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**What do we learn about: GOD**

**God cares about our afflictions:**

**Psa. 22:24; Psa. 40:17; Psa. 72:12;  
Psa. 56:8; Psa. 119:50)**

**God's grace is sufficient.**

**1. The Lord graciously prepares Israel for deliverance through the birth of a son (1 Sam. 1:1–2:11).**

**What do we learn about: MAN**

**Depraved (Peninah, Eli, Hophni, Phinehas)**

**Dependent**

**Destructive, but**

**A positive, trusting believer can change the course of a nation.**

**1. The Lord graciously prepares Israel for deliverance through the birth of a son (1 Sam. 1:1–2:11).**

**What do we learn about:  
SALVATION**

**Man is unable to deliver himself from temporal or eternal adversity.**

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**What do we learn about: Problem Solving**

**Problem solving: Circumstances, people, and systems can create numerous difficulties. The solution is always trust in God.**



**2. The Lord prepares Israel for a new era by blessing the family of Hannah and beginning to judge the House of Eli (1 Sam. 2:12–36).**

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**1 Sam. 2:25, “ ‘If one man sins against another, God will judge him. But if a man sins against the LORD, who will intercede for him?’ Nevertheless they did not heed the voice of their father, because the LORD desired to kill them.”**

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**What do we learn about: GOD**

**God is at work even in the most corrupt and evil circumstances.**

**God raised up a leader, and pronounced judgment on the house of Eli, 1 Sam. 2:27–36.**

**God's judgment can be terrible.**

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**What do we learn about: GOD**

**1 Sam. 2:34, “Now this shall be a sign to you that will come upon your two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas: in one day they shall die, both of them.**

**1 Sam. 2:35, “Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful priest who shall do according to what is in My heart and in My mind. I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever.”**

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**What do we learn about: MAN**

**Humans often think they can get away with evil and destruction, but God will bring all things to account.**

**A reminder of Divine Institution #1:  
Human responsibility**

**2. The Lord prepares Israel for a new era by blessing the family of Hannah and beginning to judge the House of Eli (1 Sam. 2:12–36).**

**What do we learn about: SALVATION**

**God's plan of deliverance from temporal adversity may take time.**

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**What do we learn about: SALVATION**

**God promised to raise up a “faithful priest” (1 Sam. 2:35).**

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**What do we learn about: PROBLEM-SOLVING**

**Learning to wait on the Lord in difficult circumstances.**



### **3. The Lord initiates Samuel's role as prophet to Israel (1 Sam. 3:1–22).**

**What do we learn about: GOD**

**What God speaks in private, He validates in public or with additional witnesses.**

**God trains the future leaders.**

**God validated Samuel's leadership.**

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**What do we learn about: MAN**

**Prov. 29:18, cf., 1 Sam. 3:1**

**“Where there is no vision,  
[revelation]  
the people perish [‘run wild’]:  
but he that keepeth the law, happy  
is he.”**

**4. The Lord causes Israel to be defeated, allows the Ark to be captured, so the house of Eli can be judged (1 Sam. 4:1–22).**

**What do we learn about: GOD**

**God is not under human control.**

**God is not predictable, unless it is based on His Word.**

**God fulfills His Word.**

**4. The Lord causes Israel to be defeated, allows the Ark to be captured, so the house of Eli can be judged (1 Sam. 4:1–22).**

**What do we learn about: MAN**

**Human beings are prone to self-reliance, not God dependence.**

**Human beings are prone to religious superstition.**

**Sometimes, what appears to be a defeat to us, is necessary, to train us for the future victory.**

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**What do we learn about: GOD**

**God can take care of Himself (and has a great sense of humor).**

**God is no respecter of persons, Acts 10:34.**

**God is Holy; and must be treated as such, Lev. 11:44–45; Psa. 86:2; 1 Pet. 1:16.**

**Both Israel and the Philistines learned a lesson.**

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**What do we learn about: GOD**

**God can control the circumstances (getting Himself home).**

**God is faithful to His Word and when Israel turned to Him, He delivered them.**



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**What do we learn about: MAN**

**Man has to learn that He cannot out-manuever God. His false gods and erroneous philosophies cannot provide truth.**

**Judg. 16:23, "Our god has delivered into our hands Samson ..."**

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**What do we learn about:  
PROBLEM-SOLVING**

**Israel could do nothing to rescue God. They had to finally learn to wait on the Lord.**

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**What do we learn about:  
PROBLEM-SOLVING**

**Israel learned to change course  
(repent, turn back to the Lord).**

**When they followed God's  
directives, God delivered them.**

**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by  
flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount—I'm fixed upon it—  
mount of Thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer—  
hither by Thy help I'm come;  
and I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to  
arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He to rescue me from danger interposed  
His precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm  
constrained to be!**

**Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my  
wand'ring heart to Thee:**

**Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to  
leave the God I love; here's my heart—O  
take and seal it;**

**Seal it for Thy courts above.**