

# 1 Samuel 10:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.

## Analysis

---

**And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.**

Samuel's prophetic indictment is severe: requesting a king constituted rejecting God (ma'as, a strong term implying spurning or despising). The emphatic 'who himself' (hu asher) stresses God's personal agency in their deliverance - not distant providence but direct intervention. Their response to such salvation was 'Nay' (lo'), a flat contradiction. The word for 'adversities' (ra'ot) and 'tribulations' (tsarot) encompasses the full range of distresses God had resolved. Yet despite this indictment, God proceeds with the selection - demonstrating how He works even through sinful human choices. The command to 'present yourselves' (hityatsvu) by tribes and thousands (military units of 1,000) follows the organizational structure of the wilderness generation, connecting this moment to covenantal assembly patterns. God's anger does not prevent His gracious accommodation to human weakness.

## Historical Context

---

Israel's tribal and military organization dated from the wilderness period when Moses structured the nation for both encampment and warfare. The 'thousands' (alaphim) were military-administrative units, typically extended families or clans capable of fielding fighting forces.

## Related Passages

---

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

---

1. How might we 'reject' God while pursuing things He actually permits?
2. What does God's willingness to work through Israel's sinful request teach about His grace?

## Interlinear Text

---

וְאֵתָם	הִי יוֹם	מִמָּאֲסָתָם	אֶת	אֱלֹהֶיכֶם	אֲשֶׁר	וְהָיָא
H859	And ye have this day	rejected	H853	your God	H834	H1931
	H3117	H3988		H430		
מִיָּד יָצָא	לְכֶם	מִכָּל	רָעוּתֵיכֶם			
who himself saved	H0	H3605	you out of all your adversities			
H3467			H7451			
וְצָרֹתֵיכֶם	וַתֹּאמְרוּ	לֵאמֹר	כִּי	לֹא	מֶלֶךְ	תֵּשֶׁב יָמָיו
and your tribulations	and ye have said	H0	H3588	a king	unto him Nay but set	
H6869	H559			H4428	H7760	
עַל יָמָיו	וְעַתָּה הֵנָּה	הַתִּיָּצֵבוּ	לִפְנֵי יְהוָה			
H5921	H6258	over us Now therefore present	yourselves before		the LORD	
		H3320	H6440		H3068	
לְשִׁבְטֵיכֶם	וּלְאַלְפֵיכֶם:					
by your tribes	and by your thousands					
H7626	H505					

## Additional Cross-References

---

**1 Samuel 12:12** (Kingdom): And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God was your king.

**Joshua 24:1** (References God): And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.

**1 Samuel 8:19** (Kingdom): Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us;