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Looking for a King

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Letters of John Newton

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes!" Romans 1:16

The *Gospel* of Christ, the glorious Gospel of the blessed God--is **the only effectual means for reforming mankind.**

The *Gospel* removes difficulties insurmountable to human power.
It causes the blind to see,
it causes the deaf to hear,
it softens the heart of stone,
and raises the dead in trespasses and sins, to a life of holiness.



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No force but that of the *Gospel* is sufficient . . .
to remove the mountainous load of guilt from the soul,
to calm the violence of tumultuous passions,
to raise a vile worldling from groveling in the mire of sensuality or avarice--
to a spiritual and divine life, a life of communion with God.

No system but the *Gospel* can communicate motives, encouragements, and prospects--sufficient to withstand and counteract all the snares and temptations with which the spirit of this world, by its frowns or its smiles--will endeavor either to intimidate us, or to bribe us from the path of duty.



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In a word, gospel salvation will expand the narrow selfish heart and fill it with a spirit of love to God, cheerful unreserved obedience to His will, and benevolence to mankind



Prayer & Praise





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A Message to Make the Ears Tingle

- I. Battle lines: vs. 1-2
- II. Israel's motivation in war: vs. 3-5
- III. Philistine's motivation in war: vs. 6-9
- IV. A message to make the ears tingle: vs. 10-22
 - What Eli hears? vs. 10-18
 - What Eli's daughter-in-law hears? vs. 19-22



A Message to Make

I. Battle lines: vs. 1-2

- Israel camps beside Ebenezer
- Philistines camp in Aphek



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Is Not...

- Prayer and seeking the Lord's will or direction
- The great works of the Lord in the past

Is...

- An object, the ark
- The ungodly spiritual leaders



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