



How To Handle Haters I Samuel 10:25-27

- ❖ When you decide to obey God, become a child of God; you pick up haters, from your friends, even your own family.
- ❖ A hater is someone that is jealous and envious.
- ❖ A hater is someone who spends all their time trying to make you look small so they can look tall.
- ❖ In the text the people wanted a king. – I Samuel 8:5
- ❖ They wanted what God wanted but they wanted it their way.
- ❖ God intended them to have leadership but not like everybody else.
- ❖ When Saul is chosen and the ceremony is to take place, they cannot find him because he is hiding behind baggage. – 10:21-22
- ❖ To hide behind baggage means you have to stoop down and look smaller than you really are.
- ❖ They refuse to follow him and even disrespect him by not bringing him an offering. – 10:27
- ❖ His haters were not his enemies.
- ❖ His haters were in the group that was supposed to be on his side.

How do you handle your haters so that you won't abort the blessings that God has for you?

I. **By being confident in your purpose**

- When you have a purpose, you can focus without being distracted.
- When you have a purpose, you know who you are and whose you are.
- When you have a purpose, you know where you are going.

II. **By knowing something about them 10:27**

- The children of Belial is a proverbial team to describe worthless men.

III. **By remembering the favor of God**

- What is favor?
- Favor means gratitude bestowed.
- When the favor of God is upon you, those closest to you are often the ones that are the most jealous of you.
- The favor of God is for a purpose. You are blessed to be a blessing to someone else.

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