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In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit. - Judges 21:25

The failings of the people of Israel are recorded in the Old Testament in many stories. It is at times very sad to read through such things as they constantly failed God and fell back into idol worship and self-reliance. The book of Judges specifically is a very low time in the history of God's people where they almost constantly went against God's ways. God raised up judges to help lead the people into righteousness but when they died the people went right back into disobedience. The problem was the judges were temporary champions for the people, individuals who stood up to help God's people in the time of apostasy. Why was it a time of apostasy and sinfulness? Simply the people went against the authorities in their day, they enjoyed to do things their way and "everyone did as they saw fit." The time of judges elapses between the death of Joshua and the crowning of Saul as King. Men like Moses, Joshua and others were God's leadership that he set up for the people of God. We can see a correlation here when God's people submit and desire to honour God they will honour and submit to those who have been set up as leaders by the Lord.

When we have a lack of respect for Christian leadership in general this points to a deeper seated issue in our hearts, namely submission to God's authority. God has never worked in this world without authority structures. God created man and made him an authority over woman. God established family and made man the leader of the home. God appoints leaders in nations and sets their bounds. God created the Church and appointed Apostles and Overseers to shepherd the flock of God. Whether it is Noah, Moses, Joshua, Saul, David, Solomon, Peter, James or Paul. God has already established leadership and worked through this in the earth. When we start to do what is right in our own eyes and voice our opinions and not submit to leadership in the body of Christ we can be going against God's very order of things. Though there have been times of apostasy in the history of God's people, there also have been those who are true leaders who led God's people. We should be thankful for such and be willing to submit to their authority and calling in the Lord. If we become the sole authority in our own lives we will do what we feel is right in our own understanding. Leaders in the body of Christ are not perfect but they are nonetheless leaders. Just as in the days of the book of Judges the beacon of light for God's people will be true spiritual leaders.

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This reminds me of Hebrews 10, the entire chapter but here is an excerpt.

Heb 10:19-22 (mev)

(19) Therefore, brothers, we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, (20) by a new and living way that He has opened for us through the veil, that is to say, His flesh, (21) and since we have a High Priest over the house of God, (22) let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse them from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

It reminds me of our Eternal Priest/King because of your title. He sits on the Throne (Heb 10:12) forever more.