

## 1 Samuel Lesson 12 Samuel Anoints Saul as King Over Israel

### Key Themes in 1 Samuel :

- The connection between our obedience and our relationship to God
- God opposes the proud and exalts the humble
- Despite human evil, God is working out His purposes in history
- Kingship in Israel and God's plan to one day raise up an anointed divine king

### Background:

**city and high place:** The city where Samuel and Saul meet was likely Ramah, Samuel's hometown. In 7:17 of 1 Samuel we read that Samuel's house was there and that he had built an altar to the Lord there.

**feasting and sacrifice:** The portions of meat from the sacrifice were at times required to be eaten on the premises by the worshipers and the priests.(Lev. 7:6). The thigh, leg and shoulder were considered some of the choicest cuts of meat (Ezek 24:4) and were usually reserved for the officiating priest. Various translations of 1 Samuel 9:24 use thigh, others use leg, and some say shoulder. The point in 1 Samuel 9:24 is that it was a choice cut of meat.

**anointing with oil:** The priests and kings of Israel were usually anointed with oil as a sign of an official appointment to office and as a symbol of God's power upon them.

**The tribe of Benjamin;** At the end of the book of Judges we read that due to the wickedness of Benjamin, the entire nation battled against them and Benjamin was reduced in size to about 600 men.

### Key Words:

**anointing:** Strong's H4886 "mashach" to rub with oil, that is to anoint: by implication it means to consecrate or set apart to an office.

Samuel has warned Israel that their demand for a king "like that of the other nations" would result in grief and hardship for them. Even though the people's demand displeased Samuel, he sought God's will in the matter. In this lesson we will see Samuel obediently anoint Saul as king over Israel.

### Read 1 Samuel 9:15-10:1

1. According to 1 Samuel 9:15-17 what did God reveal to Samuel, the day before Saul arrived in the city? In this revelation to Samuel what did the Lord command Samuel to do? What can you learn from these verses about Samuel's relationship with God?

**Application:** Samuel listened to God and then obeyed God's word. How can you apply this to your life when you face disappointment or life goes contrary to what you expect?

2. Read through 9:18-20. How did Samuel let Saul know he was to be king over Israel? What was Saul's response to this news? What might this reveal about Saul at this point in time?

3. In 9:22-24 Samuel, Saul and Saul's servant then went to the feast. What do Samuel's actions at the feast reveal about Samuel's character and relationship with God?

**Application:** How did Samuel live out Philippians 2:3- 4 and Philippians 4:12 in his relationship with Saul? How can we do the same when some one else is selected for a ministry, job, position etc.?

4. According to 10:1 what did Samuel do to Saul that was in obedience to God's command to Samuel in 9:16.? According to 9:27 what did Samuel proclaim to Saul and why was that important (See Deuteronomy 17:18-20)?

**Application:** Samuel was the spiritual leader in Israel. What can we learn about spiritual leadership from Samuel in this passage? How can you apply it to your own life in any position of leadership God has called you to at church, home,work,school etc?



