

# 1 Samuel 9-10

## *The Anointing of Saul*

### 1. 9:1-14 – Saul Seeks a Seer

- a. 1-2 - Saul was a Benjamite (also Phi 3:5) choice, young, goodly (defined as high)
- b. 3-5 - A man is sent to rescue the lost inheritance of his father's house. Isa 1:3
  - i. Saul circuits Benjamin 3 places the fathers sojourned *"but found them not"*
  - ii. *"land of Zuph"* - Where Elkanah/Samuel dwelled (1 Sam 1:1 – Ramah)
- c. 6-8 *"all he saith cometh surely to pass"* - A prophet can show the *"way we should go"*
- d. 9-10 - *"let us go to the seer"* - Before Col 1:25, God spoke through prophets Heb 1:1
- e. 11-12 - *"make haste now" "he came today" "a sacrifice today" "this time ye shall find him"*
  - i. The right time for them to find Samuel regarding his lost inheritance.
- f. 13-14 - *"the people will not eat until he come"* - Who comes? Where to? The high place.

### 2. 9:15-27 – A Place Prepared for Saul

- a. God orchestrates events of chapters 9&10 to do his will: select a king.
- b. This is not quiet providence, but active intervention, explanation by God.
- c. 15 - This not a coincidence. How do we know? *"LORD told Samuel ... a day before"*
- d. 16 - *"I will send thee..."* - who lost the asses? 17 - *"Behold, the man whom I spake to thee"*
- e. God identified Saul to Samuel for his (not-secret) purpose *"to reign over my people"*
- f. 19-20 - *"I am the seer...thine asses are found"* - Moreover, Israel's desire (king) is on thee
- g. A humble man sent searching the land, finds none, gone 3 days, returns as king
- h. 22-24 - *"made them sit in the chiefest place"* - Here we learn Samuel planned this.
  - i. *"took up the shoulder"* - This cut was also used for the peace offerings Lev 7
  - ii. *"Behold that which is left!"* - A remnant for him to receive, and *"Saul did eat."*
- i. 25-27 - They commune together (as God's anointed do), with *"the word of God"*

### 3. 10:1-8 – Saul is Anointed

- a. 9:21 - *"wherefore?"* 10:1 – Samuel: *"Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee.."*
- b. Anoint ~def. To set apart, set above, prepare for a high purpose, by pouring upon.
- c. 10:2- Sign 1: Cry, Rachel's tomb, 2 men tell of a son in sorrow - Gen 35:18, Jer 31:15
- d. 3-4 – Sign 2: Covenant, at Bethel: 3 men of sacrifice will give you loaves of bread.
- e. 5-6 – Sign 3: Hill of God (Gibeah): prophets will come, Spirit will come upon thee.
- f. These signs also reminders and lessons to a man responsible not to lose inheritance.
- g. Heb 2:9-10 show the future captain exhibiting these truths to save his people
- h. 6-7 - *"and shalt be turned into another man"* ← An unction showing God is with him.
- i. *"do as occasion serve thee"* – Beware: we do not have this instruction. Walk by faith.
- j. 8 -Meet me in Gilgal (Samuel's circuit, Israel renewed covenant, 12 stones, passover)

### 4. 10:9-16 – A New Heart and Spirit

- a. 9 - *"God gave him another heart"* - The beginning of what looks like Eze 36:25
- b. 10 - *"Spirit of God came upon"* -As to others before Jdg 3:10,6:34,15:14, Num 27:18
  - i. What makes a man new is a new heart and spirit - Eph 4:23, 2 Cor 3:14-18

- c. 10-13 - *"he prophesied among them"* - a sign of the Spirit come upon - Num 11:24-29
  - i. The Spirit comes upon them (like a cloak), but dwells in us - 1 Cor 3:16
- d. 14-16 - Saul keeps his anointing secret, but his uncle will be captain, too - 1Sam 14:50

**5. 10:17-25 - A Man Higher than the Rest**

- a. 17-18 - Samuel's invitation to Mizpeh reminding them of the 1<sup>st</sup> commandment.
- b. 19 - *"this day rejected your God"* - quoting their response in 8:19, requesting a king.
- c. 20-21 - He calls all the tribes, and takes them all from one (who is not found)
- d. 22 - *"The LORD answered..."* - God's involvement again. Men cannot hide from him
- e. 23-24 - *"he was higher than any of the people"* - physically, and now judicially.
- f. *"God save the king"* - God's choice presented, the people's acceptance. Deu 17:15
- g. 25 - *"Samuel... wrote it in a book."* - Samuel inspired scripture - 2 Pet 1:21

**6. 10:26-27 - Saul and the People**

- a. 26 - *"with him a band of men"* - Supporters, advisors, security appointed by God.
- b. 27 - *"But the children of Belial"* - Not all men's hearts were persuaded or touched.
  - i. *"they despised him"* - Being wicked, contrary to God - 2 Pet 2:10
- c. *"he held his peace"* - Saul was not moved by them, but the Spirit would move him.