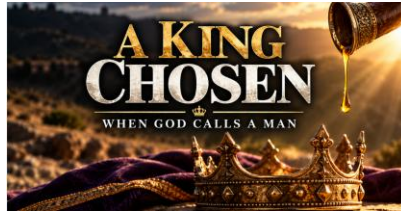


Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Scriptures for Today: 1 Samuel 10:1-27 – the first king of Israel is anointed and confirmed

Today's Message:

"A King Chosen"



INTRODUCTION

Last week, we saw the beginning of the story of Israel's first king. God had told Samuel He was going to bring to him the king God had chosen – and He used donkeys to do it. What a God we serve! Amen. Today, we will see the calling of Saul by God through Samuel, and we will learn what it looks like when God calls someone to His work. As usual, Saul's story will have an interesting twist. We have seen God use two milk cows when needed. And we have seen God use donkeys to accomplish His purposes. He does not need us, but He wants to use us! And He is asking you to rise up and work with Him! You will be challenged by God to consider your life and take a step forward by faith to follow His calling and further equip yourself to accomplish His plan for your life. When God calls you, how will you respond?

This is God's message to you...

LEARNING TOGETHER

❖ The Text 1 Samuel 10:1-27

A. The Calling 10:1-8

1. God revealed to Saul through Samuel what He was **CALLING** him to do.

"Calling" Defined

A summons or appointment to a particular responsibility, task, or service.

1Samuel 10:1 – Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, **Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?**

1Samuel 10:2-8 – When thou art departed from me to day, then thou shalt find...

"The LORD hath **anointed** thee" – used for the priests; now, God is choosing a king!

"Over **his inheritance**" – what a personal and serious stewardship over God's people!

"Then **thou shalt find**" – Samuel gave several signs that would confirm the word of God!

The word of God

Signs would confirm God's message: **(Jews, 1Cor 1:22)**

The donkey report
The bread provision
The prophets
The Spirit of God

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

- **Moses** **Ex 3:10** Moses had weaknesses, questions, and fears. His calling did not mean he would never struggle. It meant God had given him a responsibility to fulfill. Amen.
- **Gideon** **Jdg 6:36-40** Gideon asked God to confirm His calling of him – the fleece!

KEY TRUTHS

- The *Jews* require a sign; they are not for us with a completed Bible. **2 Pet 1:3, 10**
- Every Christian is called by God to His work – what has God called you to do?

Personal Application

For a Christian, the issue is not *WILL* God call you to work, it is will you *RESPOND* to His calling?

God's calling is a summons to fulfill a responsibility that He has for you in His work.

As you grow up in Jesus Christ, God will provide you with all you need to serve Him.

B. The Confirmation 10:9-16

2. God confirmed His calling through the word of God and **EQUIPPED** Saul for service.

“Equipping” Defined

The provision of what is needed to carry out a particular responsibility.

Local Church: Eph 4:11-16

Important Note

God equips His servants in different ways. He may give wisdom, provide opportunities, develop character, supply other people to help, or grant strength for a particular task.

We are ALL needed and members in particular! 1Cor 12:27

1Samuel 10:9 – ... it was so, that **when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and ALL those signs came to pass that day.**

1Samuel 10:10-15 – ... and the Spirit of God came upon him... (1Sam 16:14, departed)

1Samuel 10:16 – ...But of the matter of the kingdom... Samuel spoke, he told him not.

“God gave him another heart” – not born again in NT sense; like temporary enablement

“Spirit of God came upon him” – supernatural empowerment for his God-given role

“The matter of the kingdom” – Samuel had given him God’s words + God’s assignment!

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES

Church (Eph 1:13-14, permanent indwelling of Spirit!)

- **Bezaleel Ex 31:1-11** Called and filled with the spirit of God – practical enablement!
- **Samson Jdg 14:6** The Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him! Yet...
- **Judas Iscariot Mt 10:1-8** Called/sent (12) – yet his heart did not remain faithful!
- **David 1Sam 16:11-13** Anointed but did not immediately take the throne...

KEY TRUTHS

- God confirmed His words – His working is real. Obey His words; He will lead you.
- God’s calling did not remove the need for proven character over time. Beware.
- God’s working in us should produce humility and obedience – not self-promotion.

C. The Challenge 10:17-27

3. Saul was now accountable to God for the **RESPONSIBILITY** entrusted to him.

“Responsibility” Defined

The obligation to answer for how a duty, position, or trust is handled.

“Accountability” Defined

Being answerable for the performance of a responsibility and the decisions made (+ motives) while carrying it out.

Judgment Seat of Christ

Rom 14:10; 2Cor 5:10

1Samuel 10:17 – And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to Mizpeh:

1Samuel 10:18-19 – ... Thus saith the LORD... **ye have this day rejected your God...**

1Samuel 10:20-21 – ... **all the tribes...** Benjamin was taken... Matri... Saul...

1Samuel 10:22 – ...the LORD answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff.

1Samuel 10:23-27 – ...God save the king... **manner of the kingdom.. wrote it in a book**

“Called the people together unto the LORD” – where they desired a king like the world

“Ye have this day rejected your God” – Samuel will not let them forget; God is King

“Saul... was taken” – they presented themselves before God; He chose tribe, family, Saul!

“He hath hid himself among the stuff” – we have gone from lost donkeys to a lost Saul!

“The kingdom... wrote in a book” – God’s words were written; some join, some oppose!

KEY TRUTHS Moses (Ex 3-4); Jeremiah (Jer 1); Nehemiah (Neh 2-4); David (1Sam 17)

- **HUMILITY** recognizes that we are dependent upon God as we step out in faith.
- **FEAR** can make us shrink back from a responsibility we ought to be fulfilling.
- **Presumption** leads us to think we can fulfill a responsibility without God in flesh.
- **Faithfulness** accepts the responsibility **and** seeks to fulfill it by God’s grace/help!

Practical Application

You are now accountable to God for the responsibility He has called you and equipped you to do.

At the Judgment Seat of Christ, YOU will be judged for your service to the Lord since salvation.

Jesus said, “If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin.” Jn 15:22