

1 Samuel 10: The First King of Israel

Chapter 9 Review:

- **Saul is introduced** as a tall handsome man
- Saul and his servant go out in search for **lost donkeys**
- After getting lost the servant **suggests seeking God**
- **Elsewhere**, Samuel the seer is **preparing to anoint Saul** as king
- The **two situations collide** and **Saul dines with Samuel**
- **Samuel tells Saul to wake up, send the servant** ahead (get alone), and to **remain standing** (listen for God) that he might proclaim the Word of God to Saul...that is
- **Saul will be the first King of Israel!**

1 Samuel Chapter 11

Saul "Changed by the Spirit of God"

1Then Samuel took the flask of oil, poured it on his head, kissed him and said, "Has not the LORD **anointed** you a ruler over His inheritance?"

- **Anointed:** To be set apart for a **particular task** and being divinely **equipped for that task**
- Saul's task: to be ruler of Israel
- Next Samuel prophesies a **sequence of events** that will happen to Saul, leading to the announcement

2"When you go from me today, then you will find **two men close to Rachel's tomb** in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say to you, 'The donkeys which you went to look for have been found. Now behold, your father has ceased to be concerned about the donkeys and **is anxious for you**, saying, "**What shall I do about my son?**"'

- Two men **close to Rachel's tomb:** God chose to work with these two who were close to a tomb
- Death allows us to **think clearly about life** and be open to the things of God's Spirit

Ecclesiastes: 7:2 and 4 It is **better to go to a house of mourning**
Than to go to a house of feasting,

Because **that is the end of every man,**
And the living takes it to heart.
4The mind of the wise is in the house of mourning,
While the **mind of fools is in the house of pleasure.**

- **John Deo:** Open for a short time to here the gospel after Joe
- **First thing Saul will see:** Two men saying dad is worried...next

3"**Then** you will go on further from there, and you will come as far as the **oak of Tabor**, and there **three men going up to God** at Bethel will meet you, one carrying three young goats, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a jug of wine; 4 and they will **greet you** and give you two loaves of bread, which you will accept from their hand.

- Notice: Gods Word is specific **not vague** like horoscopes

Scorpio: Some short trips in your near neighborhood, dear Scorpio, and contact with neighbors or visitors to your community, could bring some interesting information your way which gets you thinking about ways to improve your socioeconomic status, and probably your professional standing. **Spiritual and philosophical discussions could also take place.** In addition, your own insights can prove as valuable as any outside information. **Trust your intuition and follow your heart.**

- Not only vague, but dangerous

Jeremiah 17:9 "The **heart** is **more deceitful than all else** and is **desperately sick**; who can understand it?

- Still want to follow your heart? Some truth **mixed with poison**
- **Word of God is specific**
 1. **Who:** Three men
 2. **What:** Meet you before going up to worship
 3. **Where:** Tree of Tabor
 4. **Why:** To greet you and give you 2 loaves of bread
 5. **When:** As soon as you get there...pretty clear

5"**Afterward** you will come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is; and it shall be as soon as you have come there to the city, that you will **meet a group of prophets** coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and a lyre before them, and **they will be prophesying.**

- **Prophets:** Forth tell and Foretell (For now and later)
- They will be **speaking the Word of God**
- Saul is immersed in the Word of God; first Samuel then the "group" of prophets...next

6"Then the **Spirit of the LORD will come upon you mightily**, and you **shall prophesy** with them and be changed into another man.

- **After being immersed** in the Word of God, the Spirit of God came upon him and he **started to prophesy**
- When we are filled with God's Spirit, we will be **empowered to speak the Word of God**
- **After the resurrection** and **before Jesus ascended to Heaven**, He told the boys to **wait for the Holy Spirit**

Acts 1:4 (Read and Stay in) Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait **for what the Father had promised**, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me; 5for John baptized with water, but **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now." 6So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8but **you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

- Speaking God's Word boldly is a sign that the Holy Spirit is present in our lives
- **Witnesses:** You will tell people of God's power...power you have seen for yourself...that's what Peter did!

Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a **violent rushing wind**, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

- **Rushing wind:** Spirit means breath
- These men were empowered to speak the Word of God boldly
- Peter does in Chapter 2 and 3000 are saved!(Vs. 41)

Stay in Acts

(Remember Samuel 10:6) "Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you mightily, and you shall prophesy with them **and be changed into another man.**

- The same Spirit that is changing Saul changes us from ordinary

extraordinary

Acts 4:10 (Peter again) "...let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, **whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead**--by this name this man stands here before you in good health. 11"He is the **STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED** by you, **THE BUILDERS**, but **WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone**. 12"And **there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.**" 13Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to **recognize them as having been with Jesus**. 14And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply.

- They preached the gospel **in love**...to save from hell!
- They started to **resemble Jesus**
- We are commanded to be **filled with God's Spirit**
- We must consciously **empty ourselves** of self
- We must confess our sins and keep a **short account** (back to Samuel)

Samuel 10:7 "It shall be when these signs come to you, do for yourself what the occasion requires, **for God is with you**. 8"And you shall go down before me to Gilgal; and behold, I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and sacrifice peace offerings You shall wait seven days until I come to you and show you what you should do." **9Then it happened when he turned his back to leave Samuel, God changed his heart;** and all those signs came about on that day.

- Samuel did not have to be there...it is a **personal relationship**
- We need to **own our faith...you cant inherit salvation**

10When they came to the hill there, behold, a group of prophets met him; and the **Spirit of God came upon him mightily, so that he prophesied among them**.

- Spoke the Word of God

11It came about, when all who knew him previously saw that he prophesied now with the prophets, that the people said to one another,

"What has happened to the **son of Kish**? Is Saul also among the prophets?" 12A man there said, "**Now, who is their father?**" Therefore it became a proverb: "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

- Son of whom? Never mind his father...

13When he had finished prophesying, he came to the high place. 14Now Saul's uncle said to him and his servant, "Where did you go?" And he said, "To look for the donkeys. When we saw that they could not be found, we went to Samuel." 15Saul's uncle said, "Please tell me what Samuel said to you." 16So Saul said to his uncle, "He told us plainly that the donkeys had been found." **But he did not tell him about the matter of the kingdom which Samuel had mentioned.**

- C'mon Saul, what did he say?
- Saul let Samuel tell the people

Time to go Public

17**Thereafter Samuel called the people together** to the LORD at Mizpah; 18 and he said to the sons of Israel, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I brought Israel up from Egypt, and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the power of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.' 19"But **you have today rejected your God**, who delivers you from all your calamities and your distresses; yet you have said, '**No, but set a king over us!**'

- Samuel reminds them that this is **their idea** and that **God has always been faithful to them**
- **Consequences** for this decision will belong to them also
- No one will have excuses when things go bad

Now therefore, **present yourselves** before the LORD **by your tribes** and **by your clans**." 20Thus Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot. 21Then he brought the tribe of Benjamin near **by its families**, and the Matrite family was taken. And **Saul the son of Kish was taken**; but when they looked for him, **he could not be found**.

- **Casting lots** to narrow the search
- Saul "could not be found" (Where's Waldo?)

22Therefore they inquired further of the LORD, "Has the man come here yet?" So the LORD said, "Behold, he is **hiding himself by the**

baggage." 23So they ran and took him from there, and when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward. 24Samuel said to all the people, "**Do you see him whom the LORD has chosen? Surely there is no one like him among all the people**"

- So the **LORD said**... "Behold, he is...**Hiding** in the baggage
- An **embarrassing** moment for Samuel?
- "**Surely there is no one like him**" (did Samuel already have this written before the luggage episode?)

24b So all the people shouted and said, "Long live the king!" 25Then **Samuel told the people the ordinances of the kingdom, and wrote them in the book and placed it before the LORD.**

- How a Godly King should rule and behave
- 3 checks and balances for no excuses later:
 1. Samuel **told the people**
 2. **Wrote** them in a book
 3. **Placed** them before the Lord

And Samuel sent all the people away, each one to his house. 26Saul also went to his house at Gibeah; and the **valiant men whose hearts God had touched went with him.** 27But **certain worthless men** said, "**How can this one deliver us?**" And they despised him and did not bring him any present. But he kept silent.

- Sides were being drawn
- Already the people were being torn apart
- The first consequence of disobedience...a lack of peace brought about by selfishness (sin)

Conclusion:

Sin (wanting what we want when we want it no matter what God or anyone around us wants or caring how it affects them) causes a lack of peace.

Choice: rebel and continue sinning or empty ourselves and be filled with God's Spirit

- **Example:** You have no peace
- **Choice:** Go on living with no peace **or** ask God to reveal why you have no peace. You decide to pray and...

- **He reveals** :Love of money is the root of all kinds of evil and you are beginning to love money more than Him
- **Choice 2:** Continue to believe the lie that money will bring happiness, disregarding Jesus clear admonition:

"You cannot serve two masters; you will love one and hate the other. You cannot serve God and money"

- **Or...** when He reveals your sin, repent, turn away, and change your mind.
- **Empty yourself** and be **filled with His Spirit** to accomplish His will: To speak the Word boldly and see your friends, neighbors and relatives save.
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Turn to Galatians 5 for example 2

- **Example 2:** You have no peace
- **Choice:** Go on living with no peace **or** ask God to reveal why you have no peace. You decide to pray and...
- **He reveals** :You are living in **sexual sin** (fornication, pornography) or **idolatry** (video games that are consuming your heart, mind and soul...you give no thought to God))
- **Choice 2:** Continue to believe the lie that **everyone is doing it** and that God will **grade on a curve**, completely disregarding the Word of God which says :

Galatians 5: 19 (Read)Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: **immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20idolatry**, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things **will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

- **Or...** when He reveals your sin, repent, turn away, and change your mind.
- **Empty yourself** and be **filled with His Spirit** to accomplish His will: To speak the Word boldly and see your friends, neighbors and relatives save.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

1 Samuel 10:6 "Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you mightily, and you shall prophesy with them **and be changed into another man.**

- **God loves you right where you're at and loves you too much to let you stay there.**