

## Samuel (Rise of the King) - Lesson 15 Chosen and Changed (1 Samuel 10:9-27)

### I. GOD CHANGES SAUL'S HEART (1 Samuel 10:9-10)

#### Turning Point (9a)

- Literally, Saul turned his \_\_\_\_\_ (1), marking a decisive turning point in his life.
- He left as a donkey-seeker and departed as God's anointed king.
- Every major calling \_\_\_\_\_ (2) with a step of obedience.

#### God Gives a New Heart (9b)

- God immediately prepared Saul for leadership.
- The requested king must become the king God \_\_\_\_\_ (3) to use.
- God equips those He calls.

#### Signs Came True (9c)

- The lost donkeys were found and provision was supplied.
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ (4) was displayed through specific people, locations, messages, and timing.
- The fulfilled signs \_\_\_\_\_ (5) Saul's faith and confirmed God's calling.

#### The Spirit Comes Upon Saul (10b)

- Saul's qualification for \_\_\_\_\_ (6) was not appearance, popularity, or family background.
- Only the Spirit of God can accomplish the \_\_\_\_\_ (7) of God.
- Saul's prophetic activity publicly confirmed God's choice.

#### Saul Prophecies (10c)

- Prophecy was not merely predicting the \_\_\_\_\_ (8).
- It involved Spirit-empowered worship and declaring God's truth.

### II. PUBLIC TRANSFORMATION (1 Samuel 10:11-13)

#### A Visible Change

- Saul's transformation was no longer \_\_\_\_\_ (9).
- Those who knew him were surprised by what God was doing in his life.

#### The Son of Kish

- The crowd continued to \_\_\_\_\_ (10) Saul by his family background.
- Their reaction parallels the response many had toward \_\_\_\_\_ (11).
- People often think they already \_\_\_\_\_ (12) someone too well for God to use them in a greater way.

### "Is Saul Also Among the Prophets?"

- The crowd's question implied Saul did not \_\_\_\_\_ (13) among the prophets.
- Their amazement may have contained an element of \_\_\_\_\_ (14).
- God often works through unexpected people.

### God's Surprising Choices

- God is not looking for ability as much as \_\_\_\_\_ (15).
- God's qualifications are often different from man's qualifications.

### Questioning the Crowd

- The crowd wanted to know who the \_\_\_\_\_ (16) of the prophetic group was.
- God's calling is not \_\_\_\_\_ (17) through family lineage.

### A Popular Proverb

- In Chapter 10 Saul is \_\_\_\_\_ (18).
- In Chapter 19 his rebellion is \_\_\_\_\_ (19).
- The same proverb highlights two very different seasons of Saul's life.

### The Experience Ends

- Saul's prophetic ministry was \_\_\_\_\_ (20).
- God supplies what is needed to accomplish what He assigns.

## III. SAUL RETURNS HOME (1 Samuel 10:14-16)

### A Simple Answer

- Saul simply reported that he had been looking for the \_\_\_\_\_ (21).
- He did not immediately reveal everything God had done.

### Growing Reputation

- Mentioning \_\_\_\_\_ (22) made the encounter significant.
- Saul's family sensed there was more to the story.

### Waiting on God's Timing

- Saul understood that God was doing the \_\_\_\_\_ (23).
- Faith sometimes waits quietly for God to unfold His plan.

## IV. GATHERED AT MIZPAH (1 Samuel 10:17-19)

### Why Mizpah?

- Mizpah was associated with repentance, national \_\_\_\_\_ (24), victory, and covenant renewal.
- Israel was being gathered before the Lord, not merely before Samuel.

### God Speaks First

- God's Word came \_\_\_\_\_ (25) the selection of the king.

- God's authority must precede man's decisions.

### **Remember What God Has Done**

- God reminded Israel of His \_\_\_\_\_ (26).
- Every victory had ultimately come from Him.

### **Israel's Real Problem**

- Israel's \_\_\_\_\_ (27) was not wanting a king, but rejecting God's rule.
- They desired a \_\_\_\_\_ (28) king rather than trusting their unseen King.

## **V. PUBLICLY CHOOSING SAUL (1 Samuel 10:20-24)**

### **Identifying the King**

- The selection process was not \_\_\_\_\_ (29), luck, or gambling.
- God publicly confirmed what He had already determined privately.

### **Saul Is Found**

- Though chosen by God, Saul was hiding among the supplies.
- Outward appearance did not reveal inward \_\_\_\_\_ (30).

### **God's Chosen King**

- Saul was not \_\_\_\_\_ (31), self-promoted, or politically elected.
- He was chosen by God.

### **Long Live the King**

- The people celebrated with hope and enthusiasm.
- Yet the demand for a king originally grew out of dissatisfaction with God's rule.

## **VI. REGULATIONS WRITTEN (1 Samuel 10:25-27)**

### **Rights and Responsibilities**

- Samuel explained that the king would have authority and \_\_\_\_\_ (32).
- God's standards still applied to the monarchy.

### **Hearts Touched by God**

- God immediately provided men to support Saul.
- God's work is not intended to be done alone.

### **Opposition Appears**

- Immediately \_\_\_\_\_ (33) arose against Saul.
- Some rejected him before he had even begun to lead.

### **Saul's Response**

- Saul chose restraint instead of retaliation.
- Not every criticism deserves a \_\_\_\_\_ (34).

- Wisdom is often revealed through self-control.

## VII. WHAT'S NEXT?

### Saul's First Test (1 Samuel 11)

- The Ammonites attack Israel.
- Saul faces his first major crisis as king.
- The Spirit of God comes upon Saul again.
- Saul unites the tribes and leads them to victory.
- Israel experiences national renewal.

### ANSWER KEY

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| 1. SHOULDER      | 29. CHANCE         |
| 2. BEGINS        | 30. CONFIDENCE     |
| 3. INTENDS       | 31. SELF-APPOINTED |
| 4. PRECISION     | 32. OBLIGATIONS    |
| 5. CONFIRMED     | 33. OPPOSITION     |
| 6. LEADERSHIP    | 34. RESPONSE       |
| 7. WORK          |                    |
| 8. FUTURE        |                    |
| 9. PRIVATE       |                    |
| 10. IDENTIFY     |                    |
| 11. JESUS        |                    |
| 12. KNOW         |                    |
| 13. BELONG       |                    |
| 14. SKEPTICISM   |                    |
| 15. AVAILABILITY |                    |
| 16. LEADER       |                    |
| 17. INHERITED    |                    |
| 18. RISING       |                    |
| 19. GROWING      |                    |
| 20. TEMPORARY    |                    |
| 21. DONKEYS      |                    |
| 22. SAMUEL       |                    |
| 23. CALLING      |                    |
| 24. PRAYER       |                    |
| 25. BEFORE       |                    |
| 26. FAITHFULNESS |                    |
| 27. SIN          |                    |
| 28. VISIBLE      |                    |