Sermon Notes 10/25/2026

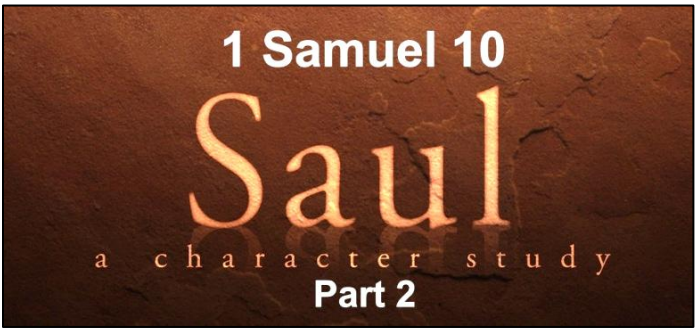
Saul: A Character Study (part 2)

How did God prepare Saul to be a leader?
¿Cómo preparó Dios a Saulo para ser un líder?

1. God gave Saul His _____.
Dios le dio a Saulo su _____.
    - 1 Samuel 9:27
    - 1 Samuel 10:25
    - Deuteronomy 17:14-20 (Deuteronomio 17:14-20)
    - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (1 Timoteo 3:16-17)

2. God gave Saul His _____.
Dios le dio a Saulo su _____.
    - 1 Samuel 10:6
    - 1 Samuel 10:9-10
    - Galatians 5:22-23 (Gálatas 5:22-23)
    - Ephesians 4:30-31 (Efesios 4:30-31)

3. God gave Saul His _____.
Dios le dio a Saulo a su _____.
    - 1 Samuel 10:1, 2, 3, 5
    - 1 Samuel 10:24
    - 1 Samuel 10:26-27
    - Hebrews 10:24-25 (Hebreos 10:24-25)



Discussion Questions and Notes

Week 11: October 25 – November 1
Scripture: 1 Samuel 10

Last week, we read 1 Samuel 9 and considered why God chose Saul to be a leader. We saw Saul hiking through the hills, looking for his father's lost donkeys. We saw how Saul honored the man of God and listened to God's word. And we saw the humility in Saul's heart when Samuel praised him as "the desire of Israel."

But this week we come to chapter 10, and the question is no longer "Why did God choose Saul to be a leader?" Now it is this: "How did God prepare Saul to be a leader?"

This chapter is practical for us because it is not just about a king from three thousand years ago. It is about us. It is about what God does in His people to prepare them for their calling. It is about the gifts God gives to everyone He calls — and if you are in Christ, He has given these gifts to you.

Read 1 Samuel 10

1. What did Samuel say as he poured oil on Saul's head? (10:1)

James Smith notes,

> Twelve times the text refers to Saul as Yahweh's "anointed." Priests (Exod 40:15; Lev 8:12), prophets in some cases (1 Kgs 19:16), and kings were consecrated by anointing. These anointings foreshadowed the Messiah (the Anointed One par excellence) who united in himself the offices of prophet, priest and king. (Smith, 138)

2. What encounters did Samuel predict for Saul in verses 2-6?

John Woodhouse observes,

> The physical geography is less important than the historical associations suggested by "Rachel's tomb." …Rachel was Jacob's second wife and the mother of Joseph and Benjamin. She had died giving birth to Benjamin (Genesis 35:16-20). She was therefore not

> only Israel's matriarch, but her tomb was a particular reminder of the origins of Saul's own tribe, Benjamin. (Woodhouse, 170)

3. How would the fulfilment of Samuel's predictions help Saul? (10:7)

4. What happened to Saul as he turned to leave Samuel? (10:9)

5. What happened to Saul when he met the prophets in Gibeah? (10:10)

6. What did the people ask when they saw Saul prophesying? (10:11)

Smith writes,

> The people of Gibeah who had known Saul since he was a lad were shocked by his sudden outburst of energetic prophesying (singing). They asked two rhetorical questions. The first, "What is this that has happened to the son of Kish?" presupposes that Saul's previous life was altogether different from that of the prophetic band. The second question, "Is Saul also among the prophets?" implies that considerable respect for the band of the prophets already had grown up among the people. The people could not believe that one so timid would be part of this group of extrovert prophets! (Smith, 143)

7. How did Saul respond to his uncle's questions about his travels and his interactions with the prophet? (10:14-16)

Smith writes,

> A candidate had been psychologically primed (9:1-24), privately instructed (9:25-27) and anointed (10:1). His heart had been transformed (10:9-11) and his loyalty had been tested [10:14-16). Samuel now put into motion a plan to obtain public support and acclamation for Saul [10:17-25]. (Smith, 145)

8. What did God say about Himself when Samuel spoke to the tribes of Israel at Mizpah? (10:17-18)

9. How did Samuel show the people that God had chosen the new king? (10:19-21)

10. When the all the tribes came together to discover whom the Lord had chosen as Israel's king, where was Saul? (10:22)

11. What did the people notice about Saul when they brought him out of his hiding place? (10:23)

12. How did the people react to their new king? (10:24)

13. What did Samuel do with the rules of kingship after he wrote them on a scroll? (10:25; Deut. 17:14-20)

14. When Saul returned home to Gibeah, who accompanied him? (10:26)

15. What was Saul's response to his critics among the Israelites? (10:27)

16. Would you be eager or reluctant to assume a position of national honor and responsibility? Why?

17. How did God prepare Saul for leadership in this chapter?

18. What should we do when critics try to get people to doubt our abilities?

19. How has God prepared you for a responsibility in your life?

20. What will you do when you are uncertain about your calling?

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