

“The Selection Of Saul” *1 Samuel 10*

Saul is privately picked and prepared to be king (1-16).

A pretty spectacular confirmation!

- +Saul is anointed, symbolic of being set apart, Ex. 30:23-33, 16:13, 1 Kgs. 1:39, 19:16 (OT = prophets, especially priests and kings).
- +Saul sees three prophesied signs concerning encounters w/folks at specific locations: two men / three men / a group prophesying.
- +Saul is empowered because of divine help:
 - “. . . you shall be changed into a new man”
 - “do what the occasion requires for God is with you” (1 Chr. 17:2)
 - “when he turn his back God changed his heart” yet see 10:22
 - “the Spirit of God came upon him mightily. . .” (repeatedly--11:6)

- +Saul conceals himself from his uncle as in 10:22

Saul is publicly picked and proclaimed king (17-27).

A pretty shocking concealment!

- +Samuel’s negativity over kingship expressed again (8:9-18, 12:12).
- +Samuel uses lots, 14:41, Josh. 7:16-18, 14:1,2, Prov. 18:18, Act 1:26.
- +Saul is missing. Note irony when compared to ch. 8.

- +Response to Saul:
 - Some “men of force” go with Saul “hearts touched by God.”
 - Some “worthless men” are ticked at Saul.

Can we be like Saul as believers?