



## Lesson 64

# SAUL: ANOINTED AND ANNOUNCED

### Story Elements

- **Text:** 1 Samuel 10:1-27
- **Setting:** approx. 1050 B.C.
- **Main Characters:** God, Samuel, and Saul
- **Plot:** God's choice of Saul as king is miraculously confirmed.
- **Key word(s):** “another \_\_\_\_\_; another \_\_\_\_\_” (vv 6, 9)
- **Climax:** *“And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.”* (v 19)

### Saul Anointed King

1. The day after their providential meeting described in chapter 9, Samuel anointed Saul before sending him away. He also told Saul that he would experience \_\_\_\_\_ miraculous signs that would confirm his anointing:
  - a. Saul would meet two men by \_\_\_\_\_ tomb (at Zelzah in Benjamin) who would tell him that his father's donkeys were found and that his father had grown anxious for his return. (v 2)
  - b. Then he would meet three men at Tabor who were on their way to Bethel, these men would give Saul a \_\_\_\_\_. (vv 3-4)
  - c. Lastly, he would meet a group of prophets at Gibeath-Elohim who would be prophesying with musical instruments. At that point, the Spirit of God would come upon Saul, and he would prophesy with the prophets and “be turned into another \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. By becoming “another man” is meant that Saul would be divinely enabled for the task at hand, just as with the \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel who were enabled by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit indwelling did not guarantee that these men would be godly men, but that they would be divinely enabled to do their job.
3. Upon returning home, Saul disclosed his meeting with Samuel, but he did not reveal that he had been \_\_\_\_\_ . (vv 9-14)

### Saul Announced King

4. Later, at Mizpah, Samuel summoned all the leaders of all the tribes of Israel and lots were cast to determine who would be king (in the KJV it is described as being “taken.”). As one final confirmation of God's \_\_\_\_\_, Saul was taken by lot to be the first king of Israel.

5. Saul was of such humility (and even timidity), that he had to be fetched from hiding in the \_\_\_\_\_ so he could be anointed king. (vv 22-23)

**Application**

6. Saul was turned into “another man” by the Spirit of God – he was enabled to conduct himself as a king instead of a farmer. That same Spirit turns believers into “new \_\_\_\_\_” – enabled to live as our King did.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

7. At first glance, it would seem that Saul would be anything but a proud king. But sin is a slow creeper, and the power of \_\_\_\_\_ is intoxicating. This same Saul that hid the baggage is the same Saul that will make excuses for sin and hunt down a rival like an animal.

**1 Corinthians 10:12** *Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he \_\_\_\_\_.*

8. Verse 27 mentions that some “sons of \_\_\_\_\_” despised Saul’s divinely appointed royal status. No doubt these were the some of the same people who demanded a king instead of a prophet to lead them. Some people will grumble whether God gives them what they want or no.

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**Answer Key**

Key word(s): “man; heart” • 1. three; a) Rachel’s; b) gift; c) man • 2. judges • 3. anointed king • 4. providence • 5. baggage • 6. creatures • 7. pride • 8. Belial