

Sunday Night Message

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King Saul

Topics – The People Desire a King; Saul

Series – *1 Samuel*

Text – 1 Samuel 10

Introduction

In chapter nine, we studied the strange circumstances surrounding the selection of Saul as the first king of Israel. He and one of his father's employees were searching after some lost donkeys. The fellow that was with him suggested that they go and speak to the prophet Samuel who might be able to help them. When they find Samuel he tells them that not only are the donkeys already found, but Israel has also found their new king. To Saul's utter astonishment, he discovers that the new king would be him.

Here, in chapter ten, we will see Samuel anointing King Saul as king and announcing to all of Israel that Saul was God's choice to lead His people.

I. The Anointing of Saul (vs. 1 – 8)

The last chapter made it clear that Saul was God's choice to be Israel's leader. Keep in mind, it was not God's choice for Israel to have a king, and it wasn't Samuel's choice, either. But, since Israel was insistent upon having a king, God decided it was to be Saul. Here is where Saul is officially anointed by the Prophet and Judge Samuel. Later in this chapter, Saul will be announced or revealed to the nation.

The anointing with oil was an ordination of sorts, a consecration, where a person was set apart for a particular role for God. The Tabernacle and its priests were anointed with oil (See Leviticus 8:1 – 12). By anointing Sal, Samuel was declaring that God had set Saul apart for Himself, in this particular case to serve Him as the king of His people.

Samuel then prophesies to Saul three events that will take place when Saul departs from him. These event, when actually fulfilled, will authenticate that God was, in fact, genuinely orchestrating these events.

II. The Authentication of Saul (vs. 9 – 16)

The authentication came when the events that Samuel prophesied actually came to pass; all of them. God will often authenticate in your life the specific aspects of His will. In other words, He will often reveal to you in miraculous ways specific things that He wants you to do. I am not talking about things that are part of God's general will, which is revealed through His word; but, rather things that are specific to you.

Notice that God changed Saul through this event. He gave Saul another heart. This has something to do with the Spirit of God coming upon him (v. 10)

In the Old Testament, the Spirit of God would come upon certain people (Judges 3:10 – Othniel; 6:34 - Gideon; 11:29 – Jephthah; David – 1 Samuel 16:13).

The Holy Spirit was said to be “in” some people:

*"And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man **in whom** is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him;"* (Numbers 27:18)

"But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream, saying,"
(Daniel 4:8)

He also filled some people for special purposes:

"And I have filled him [Bezaleel] with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship," (Exodus 31:3; see also Exodus 35:31)

The idea seems to be that the Holy Spirit moved on and in special people for specific reasons in the Old Testament. In the New Testament Church Age, however, when someone is saved, the Spirit of God comes in them and seals them:

"That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory." (Ephesians 1:12-14)

The people who knew Saul before were astonished. These people knew nothing yet about what happened to Saul back in Ramah where Saul anointed him (vs. 11 – 12).

Notice Saul’s humility in vs. 14 – 16. He does not mention anything to his uncle regarding his being anointed as king.

III. The Announcement of Saul (vs. 17 – 26)

It seems that Samuel used a lot system to select Saul as a nation. God was over the lot. Samuel already knew who God had chosen (see also Joshua 7:15 – 18 - Achan; Acts 1:26 - Matthias).

"The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD." (Proverbs 16:33)

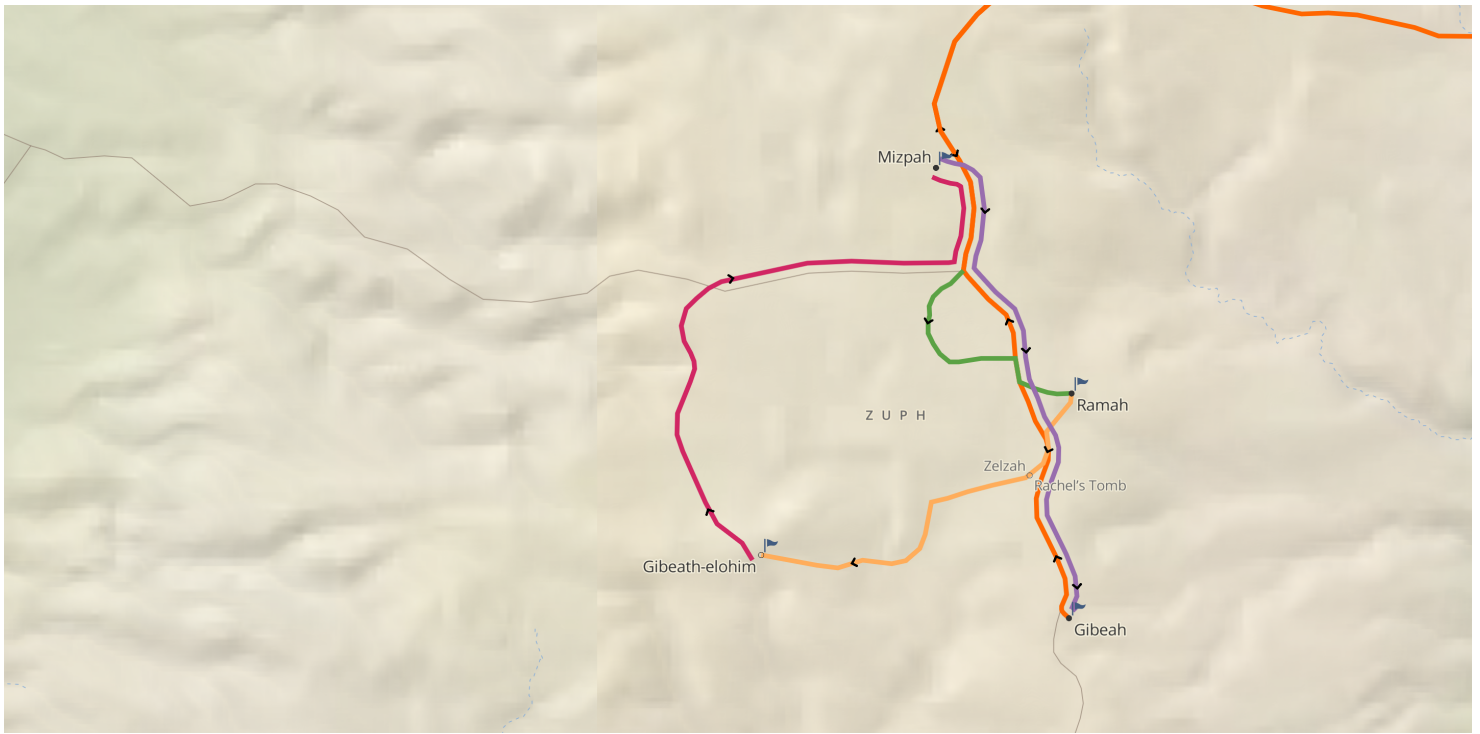
In v. 22, we see Saul hiding. At this point, he is still a very humble man.

Notice v. 25 – this was probably the precepts laid down for a king by God through Moses in Deuteronomy 17:14 – 20.

IV. The Antagonists of Saul (v. 27)

As is the case with anyone who is in leadership, there will always be enemies.

"Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets." (Luke 6:26)



Israel Requests and Receives a King

- Saul's route from Gibeah to Zuph
- Saul's route from Zuph to Ramah
- Saul's route from Ramah to Gibeath-elohim
- Saul's route from Gibeath-elohim to Mizpah
- Saul's route from Mizpah to Gibeah

