

## 1 Samuel Lesson 13 Samuel Anoints, Confirms and Instructs Saul as King

### Key Themes in 1 Samuel :

- The connection between our obedience and our relationship to God
- God opposes the proud and exalts the humble
- Despite human evil, God is working out His purposes in history
- Kingship in Israel and God's plan to one day raise up an anointed divine king

### Background:

**anointing with oil:** The priests and kings of Israel were usually anointed with oil as a sign of an official appointment to office and as a symbol of God's power upon them.

**The Spirit of the Lord-** During the period of the Judges, "the Spirit of the Lord" came upon certain individuals to empower them for certain tasks. We see that "the Spirit of the Lord" came mightily upon Saul and enabled Him to prophesy and change into another man. In 1 Samuel 11 "The Spirit of the Lord comes upon Saul and enables him to call up an army.

### Key Word:

**sign: Strong's: H226 "oth"** signs, omens **BDB:** signs were often promised by prophets as pledges of certain predicted events

### Read 1 Samuel 9:26-10:8

1. Samuel has informed Saul that he is to be the king over Israel. He sends Saul and his servant away, but before they leave what does it say in 9:27 that Samuel wants to proclaim to Saul? How does this establish the prophet's role in regards to the new king?

2. We see in 1 Samuel 10:1 that Samuel anoints Saul and proclaims him to be "the prince over Israel". How was God's greater King, Jesus, who was called "The Anointed One" anointed by God according to Mark 1:10-11 and Acts 10:38?

**Application:** How does God call and set apart His spiritual leaders today? See Acts 20:28 and 1 Timothy 4:14.

3. Now that Samuel has anointed Saul as King of Israel, he tells him of three signs which will confirm his new status. What were those signs in 10:2-6 and how do you see God's hand in each of the signs?

a.

b.

c.

**Application:** When you have been called to a ministry or position of leadership what are some of the ways God assures you that you have been called?

4. What further instruction did Samuel give Saul in 10:7? What was the connection between the "Spirit of the Lord" rushing upon Saul and this instruction. What was this teaching Saul about how his new role as king was to be carried out?

**Application:** As Christians what assurance do we have that God's presence is with us? See Romans 8:14-16

5. What was the last instruction given by Samuel to Saul in 10:8. Why was it important for Saul to meet up with Samuel soon?

**Application:** When you have been called to a ministry, what are various ways you can gain wisdom and instruction as how to best carry out that ministry?

