

SAMUEL ANOINTS SAUL AS KING

1 Samuel 9:1-12:25

Key Verse: 11:6

* SAUL MADE KING (9:1-11:15)

1. Describe Saul. What event led him to Samuel? What does this show about him? His relationship with his father? (9:1-14)
2. What instructions had Samuel received from the Lord regarding Saul? (15-17) What does this teach us about the God of Israel?
3. How did Samuel greet Saul? How did he hint at Saul's future great-ness? How did Saul respond? (18-27) How do these events reveal Saul's human humbleness?
4. Describe Samuel's anointing of Saul. Why did he do it in private? What is the meaning of anointing with oil?
5. What signs were given Saul to confirm Samuel's words to him, and to assure him that God was with him? (10:2-7)
6. Describe the change that came about in Saul. (9-13) Why must he be changed if he is to lead Israel? What does this teach about the work of God's Spirit? (See Ac2:18) What did people say about him?
7. How did Samuel officially establish Saul as king? How did Saul show his human humbleness? How did Samuel instruct them all?
8. What critical situation arose? (11:1-5) What does this show about Israel? What did Saul's reaction to the bad news show about him? (6-11) How was his kingship confirmed? (12-15)

* SAMUEL'S FAREWELL SPEECH (12:1-25)

9. Why was Samuel unhappy about Israel's demand for a king? How had he set an example for them of godly leadership? (2-5)

10. How had God shown his grace to Israel throughout their history? (6-11) What warning did Samuel give? (12-22) What personal commitment did he make to God and to them? What can we learn from him?