

## 5 – THE SON OF KISH (1 SAMUEL 9:1-11:15)

### I. The Search for Donkeys (1 Samuel 9:1-14)

#### A. Saul (9:1-2)

- The writer introduces the reader to a wealthy Benjamite named Kish.
- Kish had a handsome and tall son, who was called Saul.

#### B. Missing Donkeys (9:3-4)

- Kish sent Saul with a servant to seek out some donkeys that were lost.
- Searching through the mountains of Ephraim and the land of Benjamin, they found nothing.

#### C. Seeking the Seer (9:5-14)

- As Saul was prepared to return home, the servant suggested going to a man of God.
- Saul recognized that they did not have a gift and the servant offered his quarter shekel of silver.
- So they journeyed to the city where the man of God lived in order to find him.
- As he went to the high place, Samuel approached Saul and his servant.

### II. Saul Meets Samuel (1 Samuel 9:15-10:16)

#### A. The Lord's Message to Samuel (9:15-16)

- The day before meeting Saul, the Lord told Samuel that he was sending a man to him.
- This man was to be anointed commander of his people Israel.
- Since the Lord heard the cry of his people, this man would save them from the Philistines.

#### B. Saul finds Samuel (9:17-27)

- When Samuel saw Saul from afar off, he knew that he was the one chosen by God.
- Saul asked Samuel where he could find the seer and Samuel identified himself.
- He told Saul not to worry about the donkeys, since they have been found.
- He then told Saul that the desire of Israel for a king was on his house.
- Humbly, Saul stated that he was not worthy of the honor.

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- Samuel honored Saul at a feast and invited him to stay at his home.
- In the morning, Samuel had Saul send his servant ahead so they can speak privately.

## C. The Anointing of Saul (10:1-16)

- Samuel anointed Saul by pouring oil on his head.
- Samuel told Saul a series of events that will take place on his journey home.
- Samuel also tells Saul that the Spirit of the Lord will come upon him.
- The events took place as Samuel had prophesied and the people were astounded at Saul.
- Saul's uncle demanded to know all the Samuel told him, but he did not speak of the anointing.

## III. The Selection at Mizpah (1 Samuel 10:17-27)

### A. The Selection Process (10:17-21a)

- Samuel called Israel to gather at Mizpah and reminded them of their rejection of the Lord.
- He then had Israel come near by tribes, clans and families.
- Benjamin was selected and then the Saul was finally chosen.

### B. Saul is Selected (10:21b-27)

- Once Saul was selected, they found that he was missing.
- They found Saul hiding among the luggage.
- He was then presented to the people and he stood above the people.
- Samuel then proclaim Saul as the Lord's anointed and the people shouted their approval.
- The people then returned to their homes and valiant men went with Saul.
- Some men despised Saul and rejected him as their king.

## IV. The Confirmation of Saul (1 Samuel 11:1-15)

### A. The Ammonites Attack (11:1-3)

- Nahash the Ammonite besieged Jabesh Gilead and gave them conditions for surrender.
- Jabesh Gilead asked for time to seek help.

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## B. Saul Responds (11:4-11)

- The plea for help reached Saul and the people responded by weeping aloud.
- The Spirit of the Lord came upon Saul and he called Israel to gather for battle.
- The fear of the Lord drove the people to respond to Saul's call.
- The Lord gave Saul victory over the Ammonites and the Jabesh Gilead was saved.

## C. Saul Confirmed as King (11:12-15)

- The people then called for those who rejected Saul to be killed.
- However, Saul commanded that they be spared since the Lord won the victory.
- The people then went to Gilgal and reconfirmed the kingship of Saul.