

**Exalting Jesus in 1 Samuel**  
(A King After God's Own Heart)  
**Seeking Donkeys but Finding a Crown**  
1 Samuel 9 Part 13

**I. Saul, An Extraordinary Man. vv.1,2**

Cf. 10:24; 2 Sam.14:25,26

“What a good figure Saul made, no mention is here made of his wisdom or virtue, his learning or piety, or any of the accomplishments of his mind, but that he was a tall, proper, handsome man, that had a good face, a good shape, and a good presence, graceful and well proportioned... when God chose a king after the people's heart, who aimed at nothing so much as stateliness and grandeur, he pitched upon this huge tall man, who, if he had no other good qualities, yet would look great.” M. Henry

**II. Saul, on An Ordinary Mission. vv.3-16**

“It was God's unfolding plan that directed the paths of men in ways completely unforeseen by them. It is obvious from the text that God had ordained every detail of this journey, even having Saul and his servant arrive at the town gates at precisely the moment Samuel walked through them. Through the small affairs of human lives, God fulfills His covenant promises and purposes. God's people seldom know how God intends to use the simple events of their lives or the great things that God will make out of our small affairs, but we do know that 'For those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.'” (Rom.8:28) Richard Philips

“The wise God serves very great and certain purposes by very small and casual occurrences.” Matthew Henry

**III. Saul, Bestowed with Extraordinary Honor. vv.17-26**