

I. God's choice of king

- A. Prelude
- B. These are not the donkeys you're looking for

II. Samuel's successor

- A. The Lord's word and its revelation
- B. The priest's portion
- C. Saul anointed as king
- D. A new heart
- E. Is Saul among the prophets? (10:11-12)

III. Saul and Jesus

- A. Similarities (Micah 5:2)
- B. Differences (Isaiah 53:2; Genesis 49:10; 1 Peter 1:19; Mark 1:11; 9:7; Romans 1:4)
- C. Through faith in Jesus we are adopted as God's children! (Galatians 4:4-5)

IV. Saul teaches us who we are before God

- A. *In spite of my character and my background, God has adopted me as his child and given me a new heart, to be a priest, prophet, and king.*
- B. We must be changed, transferred, in order to serve God. (Isaiah 6:5; Psalm 18:16, 35)
- C. Background
- D. Character and accomplishments (Hebrews 11:6)

V. What does this mean for you and me?

- A. It means that I can face the struggles before me with bravery
- B. Do you believe this? (Titus 2:14)
- C. Empowered to do the tasks we fear (Philippians 4:13; 2:3-11)
- D. You were born for this (James 2:18; Proverbs 3:5-6)