

## I Samuel 9:15-10:1

### GOD GIVES ISRAEL THEIR KING

- I. God selected.
  - A. God selected a king to rule Israel who was their kind of king.
    - 1. He did not spitefully give them an evil and perverse man with a tyrannical nature or one incapable of ruling.
    - 2. God gave them an excellent young man with the characteristics the people wanted.
  - B. But Saul lacked the important quality: a sensitivity to God and His Word which arises out of a heart transformed.
- II. God had guided Saul to Samuel and He had alerted Samuel the day before of Saul's coming (15,16).
  - A. Samuel was to prepare a feast to which he would invite Saul, with guests who could witness that Saul had been with Samuel.
    - 1. This event is so it will be clear to Saul that God wanted him to be king and appointed him to this position.
    - 2. The next morning Samuel anointed Saul (10:1) and gave him three signs as confirmation (10:2-6).
  - B. The Spirit of God "rushed" on him and he became "another man" with "another heart" (10:6,10).
    - 1. This is a non-saving work of God equipping Saul with a different disposition (wisdom and courage) to be in God's office.
    - 2. As soon as the Spirit left him he became weak and scared.
  - C. Samuel calls Israel together to Mizpeh to select a king and many came from far with tents "baggage" (10:17).
    - 1. By lot Saul was chosen, but he was hiding until God told Samuel where he would be found.
    - 2. The people rejoiced to see the wonderful external features: strong and healthy, handsome and so tall: "God save the king!"
    - 3. Samuel again told them the kind of king God would have him to be and even wrote it in a book as a permanent record.
  - D. Saul went home, not knowing what to do to set up his kingdom and rule Israel.
- III. We have a King Whose rule reaches into our hearts.