

FIRST SAMUEL

Lesson 17: Chapter 9:15-10:27 (Overview)

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9:15 God spoke verbally and audibly in the ear of His prophet Samuel to give him guidance.

9:16-17 This is a demonstration of the goodness and mercy of God. See Romans 11:22 and Lamentations 3:22. God responds to His peoples' rejection of Him by giving them the king that they asked for and using him to save them from their enemies. God can make "all things work together for good" (the good and the bad things) to those that love Him (Rom. 8:28).

9:18-19 When Samuel met Saul, he promised to tell him what was in his heart. It is the word of God which has the power to do such a thing as that. See Hebrews 4:12-13. It is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the HEART. It will expose what you really are.

9:20-24 Notice the picture of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb in verse number 24. Samuel represents the Lord Jesus Christ. Saul represents a believer who's come to the supper though many guests have arrived before him. They didn't begin to eat until he got there.

9:25-27 Verse 27 emphasizes the importance of standing still so that you'll be able to receive the word of God. When our lives get too busy, we don't make time for God. He ought to come first and foremost in our lives. God says in Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I *am* God."

CHAPTER TEN

10:1 Notice the contrast between the anointing of Saul and the anointing of David as king. Samuel uses a VIAL of oil to anoint Saul. He uses a HORN of oil to anoint David (1 Sam. 16:13). A vial is a man-made container, revealing that Saul was made king by the will of man. A horn is a creation of God, revealing that David was a man of God's choosing.

10:2-9 Samuel reveals specific situations and circumstances that Saul will go through on his return journey. These things all came to pass (vs. 9). Saul receives a new heart as he turns from Samuel. Later he'll reject that new heart and Samuel will walk away from him (15:27, 15:35).

10:10-12 When Saul was seen prophesying among the prophets, people who knew him took notice. Lesson: There ought to be a change in your life when you get saved. However, it will be difficult for those who knew you before to accept that you are different now. In Saul's case, they would joke about how he didn't fit in with those prophets.

10:13-16 When Saul reports to his uncle what happened to him, he purposely left out the details about being appointed as king. Contrast this with how Samuel reported what God said in chapter 3, verse 18. He reported every single word. The apostle Paul said, "I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God (Acts 20:27). Saul was flawed. He had a fault and it was evident in his modified version of the events which took place.

10:17-25 Samuel continues to protest to the people of Israel. He called for all the tribes to gather so he could present to them their new king. When Saul was chosen, he tried to hide among the stuff. This is a great picture of the **White Throne Judgment**:

1. All the people are brought before the Lord by their tribes to present themselves before the Lord (vs. 19). Compare to Revelation 20:11-12.
 2. In that day, sinners will try to hide behind the stuff (vs. 22). They'll think God won't notice them among all the other sinners there. But the sinner will be found (vs. 23).
 3. There is a book (vs. 25)! The book is laid up before the Lord. (Rev. 20:12, 15).
 4. Every person will be sent away—to "his house" (vs. 25).
 - a. Heaven is prepared (John 14:3).
 - b. Hell is prepared (Matthew 25:41).
 - c. You better be prepared (Amos 4:12) and choose which place was prepared for you.
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10:26-27 The children of Belial (the devil's people) recognized the true character of Saul that most of God's people didn't know about.

- The Chief Priest, Scribes, and Pharisees, saw the true character of Judas Iscariot when the disciples who spent much time with him didn't see it (John 13:22-25).
- A believer's heart bears witness with a child of God when he first meets one (Acts 15:8).
- The Devil's children can also bear witness to one another's hearts.

In the church, a child of the devil can be used to our advantage. That person can help to identify church members who are just like him as they gravitate toward him: "*birds of a feather flock together.*" Jesus said, "Hear what the unjust judge saith (Luke 18:6)." "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light (Luke 16:8)." Sinners know how to deal with other sinners. Sinners are better able to recognize other sinners.

Don't panic when you realize there are some people in the church who don't believe right or who have doctrinal errors. Those are people who help us to know who the true believers are (1 Corinthians 11:18-19).