



# I Samuel

Part #10 –  
King Saul

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# Introduction

## Key Scriptures

- And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses. – 1 Samuel 9:3
- *And* when they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that *was* with him, Come, and let us return; lest my father leave *caring* for the asses, and take thought for us. – 1 Samuel 9:5
- And he said unto him, Behold now, *there is* in this city a man of God, and *he is* an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can shew us our way that we should go. – 1 Samuel 9:6
- *And* as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here? – 1 Samuel 9:11



# Introduction – Cont'd

## Key Scriptures

- As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; *and* afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for about this time ye shall find him. – 1 Samuel 9:13
- Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying. o morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him *to be* captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me. – 1 Samuel 9:15,16



# Introduction – Cont'd

## Key Scriptures

- And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over my people. – 1 Samuel 9:17
- And Saul answered and said, *Am* not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me? – 1 Samuel 9:21
- Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured *it* upon his head, and kissed him, and said, *Is it* not because the LORD hath anointed thee *to be* captain over his inheritance? – 1 Samuel 10:1



# Introduction – Cont'd

## Key Scriptures

- And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, *Nay*, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands. – 1 Samuel 10:19
- And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched. – 1 Samuel 10:26
- But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace. – 1 Samuel 10:27



# Keys

- Missing cattle “asses”
- Saul changed in the land of Zuph
- The Lord anticipates Saul’s visit
- Samuel prepares for Saul’s arrival
- Signs that instruct and guide
- Saul becomes King of Israel



# In this lesson

## **Signs that lead!**

- The search for asses
- The search for Samuel
- The search for meaning
- The search for Saul



# The search for asses

*And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses. – 1 Samuel 9:3*

Asses assumed astray

- The search through 5 lands that eventually takes them to the seer
- An exhaustive search
- Their search brings them to where they can hear the Lord
- Highlighting the need to consult with the Lord through the man of God





# The search for Samuel

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## **Last resort – A purposeful search for the seer**

- Young maidens at the entrance of the city – 1 Samuel 9:11
- The right resource to the source “..make haste” – 1 Samuel 9:12
- The right information for the location of the source – 1 Samuel 9:12
- The right timing for finding the source “...for about this time ye shall find him” – 1 Samuel 9:13
- They intercept Samuel as he was going up to the high place – 1 Samuel 9:14



# The search for meaning

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## **The gifts are in manifestation and in demonstrations**

- Tomorrow about this time I will send thee a man... – 1 Samuel 9:16
- Behold the man whom I spoke to thee of! – 1 Samuel 9:17
- Divine connection – 1 Samuel 9:19
- Divine resolutions – 1 Samuel 9:20



# The search for meaning – Cont'd

*And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, Behold that which is left! set it before thee, and eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day. – 1 Samuel 9:24*

## **The gifts are in manifestation and in demonstrations**

- Divine orchestrations to dine – 1 Samuel 9:24
- Divine separation – 1 Samuel 10:1
- Divine encounters – 1 Samuel 10:2-7
- Divine Assurance – 1 Samuel 10:7



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## **The gifts are in manifestation and in demonstrations**

- Divine transformation – 1 Samuel 10:9
- Questions arise whenever there are divine orchestrations – 1 Samuel 10:12
- Discipline is implied! – 1 Samuel 9:25-27; 1 Samuel 10:14-16



# The search for Saul

## **The assembly at the watchtower – Mizpeh**

- The solemn protest of the Lord against Israel's choice – 1 Samuel 10:18-19
- The selection by Tribe and family
- The search for Saul - inquiry upon the Lord yields a timely response
- Israel is presented her king!
- Kingmakers touched by the Lord join Saul
- Sons of Belial repel him – There are always those in every community!



# Summary

Like all things that are to persist – adherence to the fundamentals is imperative  
It's always prudent for us to remember our humble beginnings



# Next Week

We will continue next week – Still in the book of 1 Samuel – King Saul