

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD IN ANOINTING SAUL AS ISRAEL'S FIRST KING
(1 Samuel 9-10)

I. The PRIVATE ANOINTING of Saul as Israel's First King (9:1-10:16)

- When Saul was anointed by Samuel to be Israel's first king, this had to be a _____ appointment!

A. The Introduction of Saul to the Story (9:1-14)

1. The first thing we see concerning Saul is a man who _____ would fill the need as a _____ king for Israel as a nation.

2. Saul & his servant seek the man of God who could _____ things that only God could know... "Let's ask the _____ for insight as to where to look"!

- We see here the providential workings of God that brings Saul & Samuel together....

- How did God communicate to Samuel about Saul?

- What did God communicate to Samuel when Saul & they came together?

3. Samuel directs Saul to _____ with him, promises to tell him _____ that is in his heart, & informs him that the lost donkeys are _____, even before Saul could ask about them!

4. Samuel then tells Saul that he is "the _____ of all of Israel".

- What does that mean?...

B. The Details Concerning Saul's Anointing by Samuel as Commander of God's People (9:22-10:16)

1. Saul, as a stranger, is seated in the place of _____ at the dinner!

2. Saul is given a special cut of meat that was _____ by Samuel for a _____ person!

* After dinner Samuel instructs Saul perhaps about the information he will need to know from Deut 17:14-20!

3. Here Saul is privately _____ by Samuel to be commander (_____) over God's inheritance!

* What is an "anointing"?

4. So Samuel gave Saul _____ to confirm his words to him: there would be....

II. The PUBLIC APPOINTMENT of Saul as Israel's First King (10:17-27)

1. Samuel called all Israel together at Mizpah for important _____ concerning the nation.

2. Samuel reminded Israel of their past _____ out of Egypt & continued protection by _____ Himself from _____ foreign threats.

3. Samuel reminded Israel of their _____ of God as their sovereign & their demand to have an earthly king _____ them like the nations around them.

4. Through some _____ selection process, Saul is providentially _____ to be Israel's king, but because he is _____ he cannot be located.

5. When Saul finally appeared before the people of Israel, all could see by his _____ that he would soon command their allegiance to him so they shouted out, " _____ "!

6. Samuel then explained to the people the _____ of a king so the people would know what to _____ in the future.

7. With the public appointment of Saul as Israel's first king, there was both _____ & _____ to this appointment!

- What can we learn from this?