**SAMUEL: MIRACLE MINISTRY**

1 Samuel 9:15-16; 10:1, 6-7

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**INTRODUCTION**

We have seen the miraculous birth and calling of Samuel. Today, I propose to help you sense the greatness of the man and his ministry. Samuel traveled on a circuit of four cities (including his home town) where he served as the judge for all Israel. He did this for much of his life and acquired a reputation for fairness and justice. No one ever complained about him. However, his sons were not like their father; and the people did not want either of them to succeed him. Thus, the people came to Samuel and asked for a king. Samuel was shocked and felt it was a personal rejection; God told Samuel they were rejecting God, or theocracy, for a monarchy. Thus, Samuel is told to anoint a king.

1. **SAMUEL ANOINTS SAUL (1 Sam 9:15-16, 10:1, 6-7).**
2. There are miraculous details in their meeting (9:15-16; 10:1).
3. God told Samuel **when** and **where** he would meet the new king.
4. Samuel, impressed with Saul’s **appearance**, anoints him.
5. There are miraculous details of their parting (10:2-7).
6. Samuel tells Saul about meeting **two** men, then **three** men.
7. Samuel tells Saul he will meet some **prophets** and prophesy with them.
8. There are miraculous details in the result (vv. 6, 9).
9. The Spirit of the Lord comes upon him; he becomes “a **different** person.”
10. God changed Saul’s **heart**.
11. **SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID (1 Sam. 16:6-7, 10-13).**
12. There are miraculous details in God’s choosing (vv. 6-7).
13. God’s criteria for choosing are **different** from man’s criteria.
14. God looks at the **inner** person, rather than the **outer** person.
15. There are miraculous details in their meeting (vv. 10-12).
16. Jesse brought only his **older** sons to Samuel.
17. Samuel waits for the arrival of the **youngest** son, whom God chooses.
18. There are miraculous details in the result (v. 13).
19. The Spirit of God came upon David and **empowered** him.
20. David will not live like a king but as a **criminal** for seven years.

**CONCLUSION**

Exactly what kind of person is God looking for? What kind of person can God use? Samuel tells us in 1 Samuel 13:14—“The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart….” That’s it! That’s the key! Someone who has the heart of God! Someone who has a self-giving love! Someone who has a merciful, forgiving heart! Someone who is willing to work and be obedient to the Word and the will of God! Do YOU have this kind of heart? If so, God wants to anoint you with spiritual power for service. If not, God wants to give you a new heart and change you into a different person so that you can become all He wants you to be.

*“Change my heart, O God; make it ever true! Change my heart, O God; may I be like You.*

*You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me—this is what I pray.*

*Change my heart, O God; make it ever true! Change my heart, O God; may I be like You.”*