

“Historical Books Of The Bible”

1 Samuel 9:1-27

Wednesday March 19, 2014

1 Samuel 9:2

1 Samuel 9:15-17

Theme Of 1 Samuel – “Organization of the Kingdom”

1 Samuel 1-7 – The Ministry Of Samuel

1 Samuel 8-15 – The Reign Of Saul

1 Samuel 8 – Israel Demanded A King

**Was It God’s Will For Israel To Have A King? Yes! Genesis 49:10;
Numbers 24:17; Deuteronomy 17:14-20**

Not in the manner that Israel went about it! Israel wanted a king at the wrong time, and Israel came with the wrong attitude.

God’s king would come from Judah (Genesis 49:10); Saul was from the tribe of Benjamin. Samuel warned about having a king at this time, 1 Samuel 8:10-18; and attitude.

Giving Saul To Israel as king was God’s discipline upon Israel! “When God is not permitted to rule, then He overrules.”

Hosea 13:11

1. Verses 1-2 – Saul The Man

2. Verses 3-10 – Saul’s Search

3. Verses 11-27 – Saul Meets Samuel

1. Verses 1-2 – Saul The Man:

1 Samuel 9:1

1 Samuel 8:22

“there was a man of Benjamin” – “son of the right hand”

Kish – “power”; insignificant, like Elkanah, 1 Samuel 1:1

Abiel – Grandfather – “father of strength”

Zeror – Great grandfather – “a bundle, that straightens”

Becorath – Great, great grandfather – “first birth”

Aphiah – Great, great, great grandfather – “striving”

“valor” – power – “wealth”

1 Samuel 9:2

Saul – “asked for or demanded”

“choice” – “well-grown – full – flower of manhood” full maturity of manhood.

“not a more handsome person than he among the sons of Israel;” – Saul was the best that Israel had to offer!

2. Verses 3-10 – Saul’s Search:

1 Samuel 9:3

Donkey – riding donkeys, Job 1:3 – prized animal used by royalty; it was a sign of peace – 1 Kings 1:33-34; Judges 10:4 – Jesus Christ would ride one into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday in His triumphal Entry. Mark 11:1-11

God used Saul’s Obedience: The occasion of the lost donkeys, to meet Samuel; call Saul to be king.

1 Samuel 9:4

“Shalishah” – Literally “three valleys”

“land of Shaalim” – Literally “jackal land” wild and uninhibited

“Then he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they did not find them.” – Saul had the quality of not being a quitter!

1 Samuel 9:5

Zuph – “honeycomb”, Named after the great-great grandfather of Samuel, 1 Samuel 1:1

First Words Spoken By Saul: – “Let’s get back home so dad won’t start worrying about us.”

1 Samuel 9:6

Saul’s home was in Gibeah, which was about five miles from Ramah where Samuel lived. Saul didn’t even know what all Israel knew, 1 Samuel 3:20

“man of God” – We see this term being used by Paul to Timothy –
1 Timothy 6:11

This term is rare in the NT; it is quite common in the OT. It is used 70X
in the OT.

“Man of God” – First Appearance – Duet. 33:1

Judges 13:6

1 Samuel 2:27

Used of Samuel, 1 Samuel 9:6

Every time the term “The man of God” is used in the OT, it speaks of a
man that: “Belonged to God in an unique way, of being His spokesman;
so it is a technical term to describe a “Preacher, a proclaimer, a prophet.”

“and the man is held in honor;” – “to prevail to be rich”; We are talking
about a consistent fruitful-in-character person.

“all that he says surely comes true.” – 1 Samuel 3:19-21

1 Samuel 9:7

Ezekiel 13:19

1 Samuel 9:8-9

“seer” – “to see”

Heb. 1:1-2

1 Samuel 9:10

3. Verses 11-27 – Saul Meets Samuel:

1 Samuel 9:11-12

God’s timing is always so incredible.

“for the people have a sacrifice on the high place today” – By Samuel’s
home – 1 Samuel 7:17, people worshipped.

1 Samuel 9:13-15

“revealed” – (Lit.) “had uncovered his ear”; The idea of putting aside the head-dress or hood so you could whisper in the ear.

1 Samuel 9:16

“anoint him to be prince” – Captain, Leader; Saul was not God’s king, he would be a leader.

The Lord would use Saul as He did Samson, Judges 13:5.

1 Samuel 9:17

Psalm 119:105

Colossians 3:16-17

1 Samuel 9:18-19

“Samuel answered Saul and said, ‘I am the seer.’” – John 20:15

1 Samuel 9:20-22

Hannah’s Prayer/Praise – 1 Samuel 2:8

1 Samuel 9:23-27

Application:

1. Giving Saul To Israel As King Was God’s Discipline Upon Israel. When God Is Not Permitted To Rule, Then He Overrules.
2. Saul, Like Samuel, Was Chosen From An Obscure Family.
3. Saul Was An Obedient Son. In Searching For The Donkeys, Saul Exhibited That He Was Also Not A Quitter.