

I Samuel 9

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In this chapter, the person who is to succeed Samuel as the first magistrate in the land, ruler of God's people Israel. Expect to see what manner of man chooses to take the prophetic place.

I. His Advantages.

1. Of the tribe of Benjamin 9:1
Saul's tribe speaks of it as a big & powerful nation. Rom 11:1 3.5
"Little Benjamin" the diminutives of weakness rather than strength.
on a blessing of Ps. 68:27 is making first refer to in great tribulation.
Ps. 80:2?

son of a right hand of David the beloved & good.
not only in value - witness the tragedy of Judges 20:15-21.
This inheritance small - 14 by 28 in width parts, but
central ground the city of the great city, Bethel, Mizpah, Ramath.

2. His father a mighty man of power.
of Boaz (Ruth 2:1) The tribe being very reduced (Judg. 20:147)
each remaining individual a much larger share.

3. His physical characteristics 9:2
"youth". This explicit against Samuel 8:5
"choic". One of my of culture of the field. Eng with a big!
"shoulder upward lifted." Admirably level eyes line.
of which God later to show a man after this was sent to visit to
Samuel, I Sam. 16:7 So see 55:8,9

4. Commandable traits of character.
(1) Humility, real, genuine 10:21, 22-24
(2) magnanimous. 1k:12,13

All these qualifications, to Israel look on the appearance of things,
make Saul a real big, indeed.

II. Beneath the surface, the hints of his real character sketched by the author's master hand.

1. Introduction - seeking his father's asses - which he cannot find. An unclear animal. 9:13:13; 10:11:12
of David, resuing his father's sheep from the mouth of the lion and the jaws of the bear.

2. Even in this unseemly employment, he has no success.
9:4 three times, "found them not."
7. Hunt for the life of David - as miss, spurs, nabs; at his command, yet "as when we do hunt a partridge in the snare."

3. He is not acquainted with Samuel, the man of God.
9:6 the servant knows about him. Hebraic of Saul was it more than 20 miles from Samuel's place, Gerar, at Ramah.
Samuel or his circumstances - never of prophet's house in house of his.
He does not recognize Samuel. 9:18 "Saul any the prophet?"
shows he not know as a spiritual man.

4. It is the servant who appears to better advantage.
9:6 he makes the suggestion about the prophet
9:8 he alone has the gift for the man of God. The son of quality had no or a long young.
9:11-13 you would not able to give minute instructions when how, to find the prophet. Humble, but well acquainted with the servant, knows all about the man's wild beast, customs, etc.

9:15 the Lord and Samuel hold converse
9:17 "Behold the man" ecce homo the real King of Israel.
9:20 Saul the king of a man Samuel wanted.
9:27 the words, the Lord
10:1 Saul omitted, loved of Samuel. Crisis with the Lord all night when rejected. 15:11

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