

We will begin the fourth lecture on the Books of Samuel. /Today we will begin with 1 Samuel 8:10. /Previously, the elders of Israel asked Samuel to give them a king. /Samuel was not happy to hear this. /The LORD God also was not pleased with this. /The people of Israel did not want to serve God as their king.

/Read verses 10-11. /Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "This is what the king who will reign over you will do: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots.

/Samuel warned the people about what will happen if a king was given to them. /If Israel was given a king, they would have to serve the king. /The king would take the people's sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses.

/Verse 12 says that second, the king would make the people's sons plow his ground. /Third, the king would make the people's sons make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots.

/Fourth, the king would take the people's daughters and make them perfumers, cooks, and bakers. /Fifth, the king would take the best of the people's fields and vineyards. /Sixth, verse 16, the king would take a tenth of the people's flocks. /Eighth, the people would become the king's slaves. /In this way, there would be sacrifices and pain if the people were given a king.

/Then when they cried to God for relief, God would not answer them. /This was because the people would not have served God as their king, but man as their king.

/Verses 19-20. / But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles."

/Samuel told the people what would happen if they were given a king. /However, the Israelites refused to listen to Samuel. /The people wanted a king to lead them and fight for them.

/Verse 22. /The LORD answered, "Listen to them and give them a king." Then Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Everyone go back to his town."

/The LORD God told Samuel, "Listen to them and give them a king." /God said, "Give them a king." /In verse 7, God told Samuel, "It is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king.

/Why did God tell Samuel to give them a king? /Because the people did not serve God as their king, God wanted to make man king. /God wanted to rule Israel even if he had to make man king.

/It was wrong for the Israelites to reject God's reign over them by asking that man be made king. /It was not a sin for a kingship to be established. /However, the ideal and best solution was for the people to serve God as king and receive God's reign.

/Yet, the Israelites did not like the best way. /Hence, a king would be given to Israel as the second best solution. /God directly reigned over Israel in the period of the judges.

/In those times, Israel acted in their own ways according to their own thoughts. /Judges 21:25. /In the period of the judges, there was chaos in social order, and Israel walked down a side road. /Israel did not receive God's rule, and thus, it would be better for the Israelites to have a king to rule over them.

/God gave Israel a king, and God was going to rule Israel through the king. /If the kings of Israel lived by faith and ruled by God's will, the nation would thrive.

/The nation of Israel flourished when she had good kings. /For example, there was King David, Solomon, Asa, Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah, and Josiah. /The nation was rich and powerful in the times of these kings.

/On the contrary, Israel was punished by God when her kings did not receive guidance from God. /The people lost faith when they had kings who did not have faith. /The people disobeyed, and there was chaos in the nation's order.

/Because the people rejected the best solution, God gave them the second best solution. /We must always serve God as king. /There is order in the church today. /Paul had no choice but to established order when the church was formed.

/Each church established organizations and duties. /Councils were formed to solve problems in the church. /Acts 15:1-29. /Acts 20:17-28.

/We will continue with 1 Samuel chapter 9. /The title is, "Saul is Named King." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, Saul looks for the donkeys. /Verses 1-4. /Second, Saul looks for Samuel. /Verses 5-14. /Third, the LORD reveals to Samuel who the king will be. /Verses 15-17. /Fourth, Samuel names Saul king. /Verses 18-21. /Fifth, Samuel speaks with Saul. /Verses 22-27.

/Read verses 1-2. /There was a Benjamite, a man of standing, whose name was Kish son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah of Benjamin. He had a son named Saul, an impressive young man without equal among the Israelites-- a head taller than any of the others.

/There was a young man named Saul. /Saul was the son of Kish. /He was from the tribe of Benjamin. /Saul's father lost his donkeys. /Kish sent his son Saul to go find his donkeys.

/Saul went from place to place, looking for the donkey. /Through this, Saul eventually met the prophet Samuel. /The prophet Samuel would anoint Saul as king.

/Verse 5. /When they reached the district of Zuph, Saul said to the servant who was with him, "Come, let's go back, or my father will stop thinking about the donkeys and start worrying about us."

/Saul arrived at the district of Zuph. /He still had not found the donkeys. /Time had passed. /Saul was afraid that his father would worry. /The servant then said that God's prophet was in the town.

/Verse 7. /Saul said to his servant, "If we go, what can we give the man? The food in our sacks is gone. We have no gift to take to the man of God. What do we have?"

/Saul wanted to give a gift to the man of God. /"If we go, what can we give the man?"
/Saul wanted to take a gift to the servant of God.

/When we go before God, we must not go before him empty-handed. /Exodus 23:15. /We must offer materials to God with all our hearts. /Here, Saul went looking for donkeys, and he met the prophet Samuel. /This was God's providence and guidance. /Proverbs 16:9.
/Proverbs 20:24.

/Verses 15-16. /Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed this to Samuel: "About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin. Anoint him leader over my people Israel; he will deliver my people from the hand of the Philistines. I have looked upon my people, for their cry has reached me."

/The day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed this to Samuel. /"About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin." /"Anoint him leader over my people Israel."

/God told Samuel that Saul would be king. /God allowed him to meet exactly who he needed to meet.

/Verse 18. /Saul approached Samuel in the gateway and asked, "Would you please tell me where the seer's house is?"

/Saul met the prophet Samuel.

/Verse 20. /As for the donkeys you lost three days ago, do not worry about them; they have been found. And to whom is all the desire of Israel turned, if not to you and all your father's family?"

/Samuel told Saul that he would become king of Israel. /When Saul heard this, he said that he was from the smallest tribe of Israel. /Saul said that he was from the smallest clan of the clans of the tribe of Benjamin.

/Here, Saul showed humble faith. /Saul thought that he did not have the right to become king. /He was a very humble person. /We must know that we are lacking before God. /We must be like little children before God. /We cannot do anything if it isn't for God's grace.

/Verse 22. /Then Samuel brought Saul and his servant into the hall and seated them at the head of those who were invited-- about thirty in number.

/Samuel invited Saul to eat with him. /Samuel seated Saul at the head of the table. /In verse 24, it says that Samuel treated Saul with the best piece of meat, the leg. /Samuel treated Saul with all his heart. /This was because Saul would later become king.

/Verse 27. /As they were going down to the edge of the town, Samuel said to Saul, "Tell the servant to go on ahead of us"-- and the servant did so-- "but you stay here awhile, so that I may give you a message from God."

/Now, Samuel was going to anoint Saul. /Samuel gave Saul a message from God. /Samuel then taught Saul about his duties to the nation.

/We will continue with chapter 10. /The title is, "Saul is Anointed." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, Saul is anointed king. /Verses 1-8. /Second, Saul joins the prophets. /Verses 9-13. /Third, Saul speaks with his uncle. /Verses 14-16. /Fourth, Saul is chosen by lots to be king. /Verses 17-21. /Fifth, Saul's humility. /Verses 22-27.

/Read verse 1. /Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on Saul's head and kissed him, saying, "Has not the LORD anointed you leader over his inheritance?"

/Samuel poured oil on Saul's head and made him king. /Samuel spoke with Saul on the rooftop about his duties to the nation. /Then Samuel told Saul what would happen to him on his way back.

/First, Saul would meet two men near Rachel's tomb. /Second, in verse 3, Saul would meet three men at the great tree of Tabor. /Third, in verse 5, when Saul reached Gibeah of God, there would be a Philistine outpost.

/In verse 6, the Spirit of the LORD would be upon Saul in power. /In verse 8, Samuel told Saul to go ahead of him to Gilgal. /Samuel would sacrifice burnt offerings and fellowship offerings, and he would then teach Saul what to do. /Samuel then waited seven days.

/Samuel anointed Saul as king. /Samuel obeyed God's commands. /Then, all that Samuel prophesied was fulfilled. /This showed that God had surely chosen Saul.

/It taught that it was God's will that Saul was to be king. /1 John 5:10. /God revealed his

secret to the prophets. /Amos 3:9.

/Verse 9. /As Saul turned to leave Samuel, God changed Saul's heart, and all these signs were fulfilled that day.

/All the signs were fulfilled, just as Samuel spoke. /God changed Saul's heart. /Here, Saul saw that God's word was fulfilled.

/Then he gained faith that it was God's will for him to become king. /Saul trusted in God, and his heart was filled with joy.

/We believers must also trust in God and obey, and then there will be proof. /We must obey God wholeheartedly. /Here, Saul also began to prophesy.

/Verse 10. /When they arrived at Gibeah, a procession of prophets met him; the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he joined in their prophesying.

/The Spirit of God came upon Saul in power. /Saul was filled with the Holy Spirit. /God poured out spiritual gifts on Saul. /God gave grace and power to Saul so that he would be able to carry out his duties as king.

/When we obey God's word, God pours his grace on us so that we could carry out our duties. /When Solomon became king, he asked God for wisdom. /We too must take the gifts that God gives us and live by faith. /We must take our gifts and use it faithfully to do works in the church.

/Verse 14. /Now Saul's uncle asked him and his servant, "Where have you been?" "Looking for the donkeys," he said. "But when we saw they were not to be found, we went to Samuel."

/Saul met his uncle. /His uncle asked him a question. /"Where have you been?" /Saul told him that he went looking for the donkeys, and that he went to Samuel.

/Saul told his uncle that Samuel said, "The donkeys had been found." /Saul did not tell his uncle about his anointing and what Samuel had said about the kingship. /He did not tell him because it was not yet time.

/We must not carelessly speak about gifts that God gives us in secret. /Saul said only what he needed to say, and he did not speak about unnecessary things.

/Verses 17-18. /Samuel summoned the people of Israel to the LORD at Mizpah and said to them, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I brought Israel up out of Egypt, and I delivered you from the power of Egypt and all the kingdoms that oppressed you.'"

/Samuel summoned the people of Israel at Mizpah in order to choose a king over Israel. /

One thousand men from each tribe were present. /Then they cast lots. /In verse 21, the tribe of Benjamin was chosen. /The clan of Matri was chosen next.

/Finally, Saul the son of Kish was chosen as king. /The casting of lots was God's special revelation in the Old Testament times. /Jonah was also chosen by lots. /Jonah 1:7.

/Samuel believed in God's sovereignty and had confidence in God's guidance. /Then they cast lots.

/Saul was chosen as king according to God's will. /The special revelation does not exist in the New Testament period. /The Book of Revelation in the Bible was the end of the special revelation. /The New Testament period is not a period in which God's will is revealed through the casting of lots.

/Before the Bible was completed, dreams, visions, uncommonness, and voices were all special revelations. /Voices, urim and thummin were special revelations. /Now, the standard revelations ended with the Book of Revelation. /Now, we know God's will through the Bible.

/Verse 22. /So they inquired further of the LORD, "Has the man come here yet?" And the LORD said, "Yes, he has hidden himself among the baggage."

/Saul was chosen as king. /The people came looking for Saul. /However, no one knew where Saul was. /Saul hid himself among the baggage. /This showed Saul's humility.

/Why did Saul hide? /Saul was humble. /Saul believed that he did not have any powers. /God uses humble people like Saul. /Samuel commended Saul before the people.

/Samuel said, "There is no one like him among all the people." /Saul was humble, and he hid among the baggage. /We too must have humble faith before God. /Then all the people shouted, "Long live the king!" /In verse 25, Samuel wrote the regulations of the kingship on a scroll and deposited it before the LORD.

/Verse 27. /But some troublemakers said, "How can this fellow save us?" They despised him and brought him no gifts. But Saul kept silent.

/However, some troublemakers despised Saul. /They said, "How can this fellow save us?" /However, Saul stayed gentle and humble and silent even when he heard this. /Saul kept silent even when he heard people curse him.

/We will continue with chapter 11. /The title is, "Saul Becomes King." /Let's look at the main points. /First, the Ammonites invade. /Verses 1-5. /Second, Saul slaughters the Ammonites. /Verses 6-13. /Third, the people confirm Saul as king. /Verses 14-15.

/Read verses 1-2. /Nahash the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh Gilead. And all the men of Jabesh said to him, "Make a treaty with us, and we will be subject to you."

But Nahash the Ammonite replied, "I will make a treaty with you only on the condition that I gouge out the right eye of every one of you and so bring disgrace on all Israel."

/The Ammonites invaded Israel. /Nahash the king of Ammon invaded Israel. /The king of Ammon besieged Jabesh Gilead. /Jabesh Gilead was located east of the Jordan River.

/This was the land of the tribe of Gad. /The people of Jabesh thought about surrendering to Ammon. /Some people went and asked King Saul for help.

/Verse 4. /When the messengers came to Gibeah of Saul and reported these terms to the people, they all wept aloud.

/Saul went to Gibeah. /Saul heard the news about the people. /Saul was working in the fields with his oxen. /In verse 5, Saul asked, "Why are they weeping?"

/They told him what happened in Jabesh Gibeath. /They told Saul that the Ammonites had besieged Jabesh Gibeath.

/Verses 6-7. /When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he burned with anger. He took a pair of oxen, cut them into pieces, and sent the pieces by messengers throughout Israel, proclaiming, "This is what will be done to the oxen of anyone who does not follow Saul and Samuel." Then the terror of the LORD fell on the people, and they turned out as one man.

/Saul heard the news that the Ammonites had invaded. /The Spirit of God came upon Saul in power. /Saul was moved by the Holy Spirit. /Saul then took a pair of oxen and cut them into pieces. /Saul sent the pieces throughout Israel. /Saul told the Israelites to gather in battle.

/Verse 8. /When Saul mustered them at Bezek, the men of Israel numbered three hundred thousand and the men of Judah thirty thousand.

/Saul counted the number of soldiers. /There were three hundred thousand men from Israel. /There were thirty thousand men from Judah. /Many people gathered for battle.

/Saul here felt he needed to take responsibility as king. /Saul felt a sense of duty as king, and he risked his life to fight in battle. /When Saul made the effort, God's power rested on him.

/When we are faithful, God gives us power. /God gives us power and gifts so that we can persevere. /Then God allows us to gain victory in the good fight.

/We too must lay down our hearts and bodies to be faithful in God's works. /Then God will give us power and strength for the salvation ministry. /God's works will not fail.

/Those who despised Saul in the past surrendered to Saul. /Saul revered God and relied

on God. /Then they ultimately gained victory in the battle.

/Verse 10. /They said to the Ammonites, "Tomorrow we will surrender to you, and you can do to us whatever seems good to you."

/Verse 11. /The next day Saul separated his men into three divisions; during the last watch of the night they broke into the camp of the Ammonites and slaughtered them until the heat of the day. Those who survived were scattered, so that no two of them were left together.

/Saul ultimately slaughtered the Ammonites and gained victory. /Saul gained victory by God's grace.

/Verse 12. /The people then said to Samuel, "Who was it that asked, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' Bring these men to us and we will put them to death."

/The people said that they would kill those who doubted and despised Saul in the past.

/Verse 13. /But Saul said, "No one shall be put to death today, for this day the LORD has rescued Israel."

/Saul said that no one was to be put to death. /No one was to be put to death because it was the day the LORD had rescued Israel. /God's servants must work for God's glory alone. /Saul was humble. /Saul was faithful to God's kingdom and for God's glory.

/Verses 14-15. /Then Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there reaffirm the kingship." So all the people went to Gilgal and confirmed Saul as king in the presence of the LORD. There they sacrificed fellowship offerings before the LORD, and Saul and all the Israelites held a great celebration.

/Israel defeated the Ammonites. /Samuel and the people gathered at Gilgal. /Then they sacrificed fellowship offerings before the LORD and rejoiced. /The Israelites, whom God ruled over, gained victory.

/The Israelites obeyed God's will and accepted Saul as their king. /Hence, the people gave offerings to God and celebrated. /They rejoiced and were thankful that God gave them victory.

/The people also rejoiced because King Saul, the man chosen by God, fought with power and won. /We too must always revere God, rely on God, and gain victory.

/Here we will conclude the fourth lecture on the Books of Samuel. /Thank you.