

Making King Saul Part 1 of 2

The King and the People Series

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What We Will Learn

- Three-step process for making a king
- The call (or anointing)
 - God selects Saul to be king
 - Anointing not revealed to the people
- The election
 - The people choose Saul
 - Proclaim him king
- The inauguration (or installation)
- 1 Samuel 9 & 10

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God Selects Saul to Be King

- Part 1 of 2 of "Making King Saul"
- God informs Samuel he selected Saul
- Samuel arranged to meet Saul
- Saul set out to meet Samuel but did not know
- Samuel anoints Saul in privacy
- Identifies how God will confirm to Saul
- 1 Samuel 9
- 1 Samuel 10:1–8 and 14–16

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God Informed Samuel

- He has selected a man to be king
- Overall objective: govern Israel as ruler
- Specific task: deliver Israel from Philistines
- 1 Samuel 9:15–17

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1 Samuel 9 (NIV)

15 Now the day before Saul came, the Lord had revealed this to Samuel:

16 "About this time tomorrow I will send you a man from the land of Benjamin. Anoint him ruler over my people Israel; he will deliver them from the hand of the Philistines. I have looked on my people, for their cry has reached me."

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1 Samuel 9 (NIV)

17 When Samuel caught sight of Saul, the Lord said to him, "This is the man I spoke to you about; he will govern my people."

- God selected the man to address a specific need of the people
"...I have looked on my people, for their cry has reached me" [1 Samuel 9:16]

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Samuel Arranged to Meet Saul

- Knew he will receive a special guest at the sacrifice dinner
- Table and special dinner set aside for the unknown but important guest
- Among and at the head of other invitees
- 1 Samuel 9:11–13, 18–19, and 22–24

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1 Samuel 9 (NIV)

11 As they were going up the hill to the town, they met some young women coming out to draw water, and they asked them, "Is the seer here?"

12 "He is," they answered. "He's ahead of you. Hurry now; he has just come to our town today, for the people have a sacrifice at the high place."

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1 Samuel 9 (NIV)

13 As soon as you enter the town, you will find him before he goes up to the high place to eat. The people will not begin eating until he comes, because he must bless the sacrifice; afterward, those who are invited will eat. Go up now; you should find him about this time."

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1 Samuel 9 (NIV)

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

19 "I am the seer," Samuel replied. "Go up ahead of me to the high place, for today you are to eat with me, and in the morning I will send you on your way and will tell you all that is in your heart."

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1 Samuel 9 (NIV)

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.

23 Samuel said to the cook, "Bring the piece of meat I gave you, the one I told you to lay aside."

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1 Samuel 9 (NIV)

24 So the cook took up the thigh with what was on it and set it in front of Saul. Samuel said, "Here is what has been kept for you. Eat, because it was set aside for you for this occasion from the time I said, 'I have invited guests.'" And Saul dined with Samuel that day.

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Saul Did Not Know He Will Meet Samuel

- Set out to search for father's missing donkeys
- Did not find the donkeys
- Servant convinced Saul to seek advice from the prophet (seer)
- 1 Samuel 9:3–6

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1 Samuel 9 (NIV)

3 Now the donkeys belonging to Saul's father Kish were lost, and Kish said to his son Saul, "Take one of the servants with you and go and look for the donkeys."

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1 Samuel 9 (NIV)

4 So he passed through the hill country of Ephraim and through the area around Shalisha, but they did not find them. They went on into the district of Shaalim, but the donkeys were not there. Then he passed through the territory of Benjamin, but they did not find them.

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1 Samuel 9 (NIV)

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."

6 But the servant replied, "Look, in this town there is a man of God; he is highly respected, and everything he says comes true. Let's go there now. Perhaps he will tell us what way to take."

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Samuel Anoints Saul In Privacy

- Anointing known to Samuel
- And to Saul
- Not known to any other human
- 1 Samuel 9:25–27
- 1 Samuel 10:1 and 14–16

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1 Samuel 9 (NIV)

25 After they came down from the high place to the town, Samuel talked with Saul on the roof of his house.

26 They rose about daybreak, and Samuel called to Saul on the roof, "Get ready, and I will send you on your way." When Saul got ready, he and Samuel went outside together.

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1 Samuel 9 (NIV)

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 for a while, so that I may give you a message from God.”

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1 Samuel 10 (NIV)

1 Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it on Saul’s head and kissed him, saying, “Has not the Lord anointed you ruler over his inheritance?”

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1 Samuel 10 (NIV)

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.”

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1 Samuel 10 (NIV)

15 Saul’s uncle said, “Tell me what Samuel said to you.”

16 Saul replied, “He assured us that the donkeys had been found.” But he did not tell his uncle what Samuel had said about the kingship.

- Anointing known to Saul and Samuel only

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God Will Confirm to Saul

- Samuel identifies three events to confirm to Saul God has anointed him to be king
 - Meeting with two near Rachel’s tomb
 - Meeting with three and gift from them
 - Meeting with team of prophets
- 1 Samuel 10:2–7

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1 Samuel 10 (NIV)

2 When you leave me today, you will meet two men near Rachel’s tomb, at Zelzah on the border of Benjamin. They will say to you, ‘The donkeys you set out to look for have been found. And now your father has stopped thinking about them and is worried about you. He is asking, “What shall I do about my son?”’

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1 Samuel 10 (NIV)

3 “Then you will go on from there until you reach the great tree of Tabor. Three men going up to worship God at Bethel will meet you there. One will be carrying three young goats, another three loaves of bread, and another a skin of wine.

4 They will greet you and offer you two loaves of bread, which you will accept from them.

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1 Samuel 10 (NIV)

5 “After that you will go to Gibeah of God, where there is a Philistine outpost. As you approach the town, you will meet a procession of prophets coming down from the high place with lyres, timbrels, pipes and harps being played before them, and they will be prophesying.

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1 Samuel 10 (NIV)

6 The Spirit of the Lord will come powerfully upon you, and you will prophesy with them; and you will be changed into a different person.

7 Once these signs are fulfilled, do whatever your hand finds to do, for God is with you.

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What We Learned

- God calls a person to rule a people
- King, queen, president, prime minister, governor, or other similar positions
- He chooses how to communicate
- And decides what to reveal
- To whom and when
- He calls each ruler to address a specific need of the people

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