

Saul & his servant on mission to find father's donkeys instead Saul found a ministry 9:20 Donkey's found send servant ahead. Private word of God.

1 Then Samuel took the flask of oil, poured it on his head, kissed him and said, "Has not the LORD anointed you a ruler over His inheritance?" **2** "When you go from me today, then you will find two men close to Rachel's tomb in the territory of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say to you, 'The donkeys which you went to look for have been found. Now behold, your father has ceased to be concerned about the donkeys and is anxious for you, saying, "What shall I do about my son?"' **3** "Then you will go on further from there, and you will come as far as the oak of Tabor, and there three men going up to God at Bethel will meet you, one carrying three kids, another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a jug of wine; **4** and they will greet you and give you two loaves of bread, which you will accept from their hand. **5** "Afterward you will come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is; and it shall be as soon as you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and a lyre before them, and they will be prophesying. **6** "Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you mightily, and you shall prophesy with them and be changed into another man. **7** "And it shall be when these signs come to you, do for yourself what the occasion requires; for God is with you. **8** "And you shall go down before me to Gilgal; and behold, I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and sacrifice peace offerings. You shall wait seven days until I come to you and show you what you should do."

Anointing a confirmation – never to call, only ratify – God calls man only ratifies. Anointing like baptism is a visual identification of work of God in persons like.

2 Further confirmation Donkeys found 9:20. Rachael tomb in area of his tribe-- Rachael favored by Jacob--then death. Saul called to ministry, a favor—death will come & will leave a legacy. Rachael's tomb a reminder life a vapor, grass withers so fulfill calling. 3,4 Those carrying offering for worship as a sign; gave two loaves to Saul a token of Gods favor.

5,6 Greatest sign prophets coming w/ worship instruments & HS upon Saul. Saul in company of Gods people, worshiping & changed into another man. Carnal man to spiritual man. Gal 6:15 ...a new creation' a moment then what?

All very exciting, all attention on Saul, imagining ministry potential—divine appointments, one after another. Share in peace offering, prophets prophecy w/ music, Saul joins in. HS comes upon...turned into another man' from natural to spiritual in temperament, desires, inclination--Short lived--*God paints picture of what can be*. Only happen if let God sustain continue to bring up to His level. Often excitement wears off & we bring God down to our level. Never realizing God's full potential.

Prophesying w/ music a powerful tool...Elisha **2Ki 3:15** *"But now bring me a minstrel."* *And it came about, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.* 8 Protocol was 7 days wait til Sam come to make sacrifice...in time of war Ch 13 Saul shows true colors, taking matters into his own hands....rebellng against authority of God...making sacrifice. Josephus 'it a standard practice' which Saul violated. **Tested to be trusted.**

9 *Then it happened when he turned his back to leave Samuel, God changed his heart; and all those signs came about on that day. 10 When they came to the hill there, behold, a group of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him mightily, so that he prophesied among them. 11 And it came about, when all who knew him previously saw that he prophesied now with the prophets, that the people said to one another, "What has happened to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?" 12 And a man there answered and said, "Now, who is their father?" Therefore it became a proverb: "Is Saul also among the prophets?" 13 When he had finished prophesying, he came to the high place. 14 Now Saul's uncle said to him and his servant, "Where did you go?" And he said, "To look for the donkeys. When we saw that they could not be found, we went to Samuel." 15 And Saul's uncle said, "Please tell me what Samuel said to you." 16 So Saul said to his uncle, "He told us plainly that the donkeys had been found." But he did not tell him about the matter of the kingdom which Samuel had mentioned.*

So far Saul anointing by Samuel signs happened to him & yet it an outward expression but now to be inward. It is bad to tell someone these things who is not called but even worse to be called then abuse that calling.

9 God is confirming his signs to Saul by His blessings & anointing for ministry. What appears to be an outward transformation. But spirit w/o body is dead--God didn't wholly have Saul--he was a self willed, self directed man unwilling to listen and be led of God.

All saw Saul as a different man and he was at first. Saul seemed hopeful for a time, but eventually lost the vision. God continues to give & change the heart as we continue to seek Him first.

10,11 Spirit came strong and sudden. Not permanent but a taste of Gods anointing. Prophecy to speak Gods word. Not only for him but others. Those he is to lead. When God gives new heart it shows itself.

12 Who? God not man...Saul among prophets *'is anything to difficult for Lord'* Is Saul among the prophets became a proverb. It was publicly talked about, a phenomenon--who would think it? scorn? Contempt? A sudden explosions of spirituality can be misleading. *Not how high we jump.....'Saul among the prophets was still Saul' MH*

14-16 Saul not tell uncle— Spurgeon first work of leader is **self-deprecation**. Saul keeps silent over accolades, honors, his calling—So we too need to know God put us there. *CS Lewis 'not less of ourselves but less about ourselves'* Screwtape

17 Thereafter Samuel called the people together to the LORD at Mizpah; 18 and he said to the sons of Israel, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I brought Israel up from Egypt, and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the power of all the kingdoms that were oppressing you.' 19 "But you today rejected your God, who delivers you from all your calamities and your distresses; yet you have said, 'No, but set a king over us!' Now therefore, present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and by your clans." 20 Thus Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot. 21 Then he brought the tribe of Benjamin near by its families, and the Matrite family was

taken. And Saul the son of Kish was taken; but when they looked for him, he could not be found. 22 Therefore they inquired further of the LORD, "Has the man come here yet?" So the LORD said, "Behold, he is hiding himself by the baggage." 23 So they ran and took him from there, and when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward. 24 And Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him whom the LORD has chosen? Surely there is no one like him among all the people." So all the people shouted and said, "Long live the king!" 25 Then Samuel told the people the ordinances of the kingdom, and wrote them in the book and placed it before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, each one to his house. 26 And Saul also went to his house at Gibeah; and the valiant men whose hearts God had touched went with him. 27 But certain worthless men said, "How can this one deliver us?" And they despised him and did not bring him any present. But he kept silent.

17,18 Called together by God—rehearsing all the good that God had done for them---Yet they don't apprehend him....want a king

19 They respond by rejecting Him for what pagan nations have, a king to rule, no need for faith when have a man, a king

Has a good life under God yet reject His care for glory of king...reject life of faith for so called glory of a king--carnal desires ***Jer 2:13 "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, The fountain of living waters, To hew for themselves cisterns, Broken cisterns, That can hold no water. two evils***

Not appreciate Gods care but want to be like pagan nations, outward look, splendor of a king. Reject a life of faith in God so God accommodated giving carnal life, following a king--man of flesh

21 Lot cast settles the issue—God chose carnal king to match peoples carnality--insisting upon having a king like pagan nations. Lot makes it appear it Gods choice to people so no dispute. Benj not tribe to rule but Jacob prophecy of Judah Gen 49:10;27 those in know... ***10***"***The scepter shall***

not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

27 *“Benjamin is a ravenous wolf; In the morning he devours the prey, And in the evening he divides the spoil.”*

Lot show Saul Gods choice and not subjective or Sam choice--carnal minds never satisfied but blame...Lot of God, ends all controversy.

22 Reality hits Saul, hiding out, sign of kind of leader he will be.

Not humility but weakness---when God gives evidence of the choice of a leader and he hides, nation is in big trouble...Let him who leads lead w/ diligence.

23,24 What they see is impressive & many follow—Image w/o substance.

26 Most desired scripture for any leader, a work of God. What more could you want as a leader? Greatest asset to any ministry, God touching hearts of men/women in support of leader & loyal to him. ***Pr 19:22 what matters most is loyalty***---at same time dissenters, those who want to see things fail.

27 worthless, sons of Belial, Saul didn't react or retaliate

People find reasons to come against leadership. Ministry w/o aggravation is not true ministry. Ministry w/o enemies is not true ministry. God gave Saul grace to pass over...contention distracts and is the enemies tool to derail a persons calling and ministry God has us do. Always find reasons to grumble, look hard enough and see flaws...ten times they did w/ God in wilderness. ***1Cor 11:19 For there also have to be factions/divisions among you, so that those who are approved may become evident among you.*** Enemies

schemes to distract from doing work of God--enemies tool to derail calling...God gave Saul grace to pass over.